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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. MARY ZEPERNICK

SUBJECT: FORWARDS A RESOLUTION ON THEIR BELIEF THAT
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST CAN OCCUR ONLY UNDER
CONDITIONS IN WHICH BOTH ISRAEL AND THE
PALESTINIANS ARE ASSURED OF SECURITY AND

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Ms. Zepernick:

Thank you for your letter to President Bush of July 11, 1989, sharing the resolution on the Middle East passed by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom National Congress. The President has asked me to reply on his behalf.

The United States remains firmly committed to pursuing a comprehensive peace in the Middle East. Our policy is founded on unchanging principles: peace is only achievable through direct negotiations based on U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338; any settlement must provide for the security of all states in the region and for the legitimate political rights of the Palestinian people.

On December 14, Yasser Arafat, speaking in Geneva as Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, accepted UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, recognized Israel's right to exist, and renounced terrorism. This represented a positive change in PLO positions, fulfilling longstanding U.S. conditions for the start of a substantive dialogue with that organization. In keeping with our oft-stated intention to open a dialogue if our conditions were met, the U.S. Ambassador in Tunis met with PLO representatives for the first time on December 16.

Our dialogue with the PLO is not an end in itself. We view the dialogue as one more step toward the beginning of direct negotiations among the parties in the region, which alone can lead to peace. Nor does the start of a dialogue imply U.S. acceptance of an independent Palestinian state. The final status of the West Bank and Gaza must be determined in negotiations, not through unilateral acts by either side.

When Prime Minister Shamir visited Washington, he indicated that he shared our view that the status quo was unacceptable. He brought an idea for elections to--in his

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words--"launch a political negotiating process" which would involve transitional arrangements and final status. The Prime Minister made clear that all sides would be free to bring their preferred positions to the table and that the negotiated outcome must be acceptable to all. The United States welcomed these Israeli ideas and undertook to see whether it could help in creating an atmosphere which could sustain such a process.

Much work needs to be done -- both sides are going to have to build political constituencies for peace. For our part, the United States will move ahead steadily and carefully, in a step-by-step approach designed to help the parties make the necessary decisions for peace. All parties have a responsibility to contribute to advancing the peace process. I can assure you that the U.S. will continue actively to pursue the search for peace in the Middle East.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Theodore H. Kattouf', written in a cursive style.

Theodore H. Kattouf
Acting Director,
Office of Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and
Palestinian Affairs

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REFERRAL

AUGUST 14, 1989

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 057786

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JULY 11, 1989

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MS. MARY ZEPEERNICK
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8918768

Date August 17, 1989

For: Mr. Philip Hughes
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Bush From: Mary Zepernick

Date: July 11, 1989 Subject: Peace in the Middle
East

Referral Dated: August 11, 1989 ID# 057786
(if any)

 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State

Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- XX An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
- Other (see remarks).

Remarks:

Melores Hicks
For Director
Secretariat Staff

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Washington, DC 20500

Dear President George Bush:

This resolution on the Middle East was passed at the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom National Congress held in Madison, Wisconsin, June 21-25, 1989.

Whereas: we believe that peace in the Middle East with security for both the Palestinians can occur only under conditions in which both peoples are assured of security and nationhood; and

Whereas: we believe the U.S. has a crucial role in facilitating the process of negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians;

We urge the U.S. to:

1. Recognize the rights of Palestinians to an independent state of Palestine, just as it recognizes Israel's right to a State.
2. Accept the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as a partner for peace negotiations with Israel and enlarge the dialogue with the PLO and with leaders of other relevant parties to the Middle East conflict.
3. Support an international peace conference for negotiations under UN auspices.
4. Cut all military aid to the Middle East and work for an international agreement to end all arms shipments to the region.

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Furthermore we call on Congress and the Administration to:

1. Urge Israel to accept U.N. Resolution 242 which calls for withdrawal from the occupied territories and the right of all states in the area to peace within secure and recognized borders and
2. to enter into peace negotiations with the Palestinian Liberation Organization, the Palestinians's chosen representative.
 - a. Adhere to U.S. law that aid to recipient countries, in this case, Israel be contingent on not violating human rights;
 - b. demand reductions in U.S. aid to Israel as a lever to initiate peace negotiations;
 - c. make Israel accountable for the way it uses U.S. aid funds by earmarking aid for specific projects, thus prohibiting its use for the occupation or settlements on West Bank and Gaza.

Furthermore, we urge Members of Congress to oppose any legislation which would deny members of the PLO entry into the U.S. for purposes of communication with Americans.

In peace,

Mary Zepernick
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U.S. Section President