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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 08, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JACK C. TERRAZAS

SUBJECT: WRITES AS COORDINATOR OF "AMERICA'S INTIFADA
NATIONAL GROUP" REGARDING THE SITUATION IN
THE MIDDLE EAST AND LISTS SUGGESTIONS
REQUESTED BY THE GROUP TO BE IMPLEMENTED

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8922129

Date October 5, 1989

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Mr. Jack C. Terrazas

Date: September 6, 1989

Subject: Situation in Middle East

WH Referral Dated: September 26, 1989

NSCS ID# (if any): 070869

_____ 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:

Katherine M. McGowan
for Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Terrazas:

Thank you for your letter to President Bush of September 6, 1989, sharing the suggestions of America's Intifada National Group for the peace process. 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 "David G. Newton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David G. Newton
Director, Office of Jordan, Lebanon,
Syria, and Palestinian Affairs

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SEPTEMBER 26, 1989

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 070869

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 1989

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. JACK C. TERRAZAS
PRESIDENT
HISPANIC USA! MAGAZINE
SUITE 930
230 NORTH MICHIGAN
CHICAGO IL 60601

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WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF LETTER

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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September 6, 1989

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The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. President :

We Americans cannot with good conscience let the Middle East situation continue as it now exists. There is a growing feeling among many leaders in this country that the American people are being kept ignorant of the Middle East situation -- specifically the suppression of free-debate and the ongoing slaughter of Palestinians

As a responsible Republican who has worked on your campaign in Illinois and as the former state chairman of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly of Illinois I feel it is necessary to inform you of a serious situation.

We have many constituents in Illinois, and as the publisher of Hispanic USA Magazine and coordinator of America's Intifada National Group, I speak for many people. Recently we have held meetings with congressmen, legislators and leading businessmen in an effort to develop a sensible solution to the Middle East crisis. We have also talked with the presidents of many leading ethnic organizations representing Polish, Black American, Hispanic, Asians, Germans and other Europeans, to get their input.

Our findings are so frightening that my fellow countrymen developed a series of requests and urged me to send them to you to help combat what we see as a serious situation.

We found there are strong feelings among many in this country that Israel is exerting undue influence not only on our congressmen and other high elected officials, but also in educational institutions throughout this country.

Don't think us radical. We have listened to many who speak of demonstrations and massive nation-wide marches to the Capitol, of impeachment, and of a national

revolution so intense it would destroy the very sense of ethnic decency and understanding that we now enjoy. Their deep frustration prompts us to act.

We feel America needs to renew its vigor and find newly developed courage, conviction and vision to challenge those in government who dare to hide behind the incriminating and scandalous Middle East situation.

As citizens, we look to you for leadership as a strong president..As constituents we are asking your administration to answer our fears before those without patience tear our America apart.

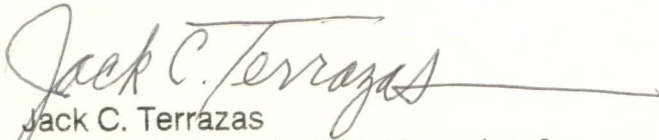
Here are the suggestions that Americas's Intifada National Group request be implemented within 30-days from the date of this letter:

1. That all military aid to Israel be canceled immediately
2. That all financial aid and grants to Israel be canceled immediately
3. That Israel immediately stop all bombing and military action in the Middle East
4. That your office declare that Palestine and other occupied territories have the right to self-determination
5. That your administration declare that Palestine, if it so chooses, has the right to independent statehood.
6. That Israeli forces cease the detention of Palestinians without due process and halt the beatings of Palestinians and destruction of their homes
7. That Israeli settlements in occupied territories be prohibited
8. That Israel immediately withdraw its forces from all Arab territories
9. That Israel return all occupied land back to Palestine
- 10.. That Israel stop its suppression of human rights
11. That your administration begin an open, strong and honest dialogue with Palestinian independent factions.
12. That your office acknowledge and recognize the Palestinian Independent state

- 13 That a law or amendment be passed immediately forbidding exclusive Israeli influence to be exerted in matters relating to the Middle East. This includes all Israeli advisory personnel in the White House, State Department, Defense Department, U.S. Embassies and other departments dealing with highly sensitive military areas.
- 14 That all future advisory groups requested by government departments and/or agencies dealing with the Middle East, include representatives from among Arab-American citizens. This group should also include a Hispanic, a Black and a Bishop of national stature to create a better balanced view point for the best interest of this nation.
15. That no organization be allowed to inhibit the free exchange of ideas and views among U.S. colleges and universities. and that students be allowed to pursue Middle East studies without any type of harassment or intimidation.

While we realize it may be difficult, our committee we would like to see these suggestions and requests implemented within the next 30 days Mr. Bush, I thank you for your honest consideration in this important matter and trust that we will hear from your office at the earliest possible convenience.

Respectfully Yours,



Jack C. Terrazas
President Hispanic USA Magazine &
Coordinator: AMERICA'S INTIFADA NATIONAL GROUP

cc: Secretary of State
All major media, local and national

Every Senator
Every Congressman
Every State Representative
The Polish National Organization
The Hispanic National Organization
The Black American National Organization
The Arab-American National Organization
The Asiatic National Organization
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