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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 26, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. MARY SUE ROBINSON

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES COPY OF A TELEX SENT TO GENERAL  
MORDECHAI, MILITARY COMMANDER OF THE OCCUPIED  
WEST BANK, DEPLORING THE DETENTION OF DR.  
RIAD MALKI, FACULTY MEMBER AT BIR ZEIT

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| OPL KILBERG       | REFERRAL NOTE: | A           | 89/10/27         |              | C 89/10/30                |
| OPL DeCamp        | REFERRAL NOTE: | A           | 89/10/30         |              | C 89/11/08                |
| 99 Dept. of State | REFERRAL NOTE: | R           | 89/11/14         |              | C 89/10/08                |
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| *F-FURNISH FACT SHEET   | *S-SUSPENDED         | *COMPLETED = DATE OF | * |
| *I-INFO COPY/NO ACT NEC |                      | *OUTGOING            | * |
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REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE  
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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS  
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8926336

Date November 16, 1989

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

Reference:

To: President George Bush From: Mary Sue Robinson  
Date: October 12, 1989 Subject: Detention of  
Dr. Riad Malki.  
Referral Dated: November 14, 1989 ID# 085372  
(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:

*Katherine M. McGowan*  
for Director  
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 16, 1989

Ms. Mary Sue Robinson  
Area Secretary  
North Africa/Middle East/Europe  
World Division  
General Board of Global Ministries  
The United Methodist Church  
475 Riverside Drive  
New York, NY 10115

Dear Ms. Robinson:

I have been asked to respond to your October 12 letter to the President, which has just reached us, regarding the detention of Dr. Riyad Malki and the situation in the occupied territories.

We discussed Dr. Malki's case with Israeli officials. I am pleased to say that they informed us that Dr. Malki was released October 30. We have not been able to determine the reason for his arrest.

The situation in the West Bank and Gaza is unique. These areas remain under Israeli military occupation pending a resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The situation is rendered more complex by the Palestinian uprising which has been going on since December, 1987. The unrest and violence of the past twenty-three months underscores the need to find a resolution of the underlying political conflict. To this end, the U.S. has exerted serious efforts over the years to help bring about a just and comprehensive peace settlement, and we are continuing to do so.

We share your concern about conditions in the West Bank and Gaza. While we acknowledge Israel's responsibility to maintain order in the occupied territories, we oppose the use of excessive force, as well as security practices which hinder efforts to start an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue. We have made our views clear to Israel on a number of occasions.

I appreciate your sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John L. Hirsch".

John L. Hirsch  
Director  
Office of Israel  
and Arab-Israeli Affairs

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REFERRAL

NOVEMBER 14, 1989

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 085372

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 12, 1989

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MS. MARY SUE ROBINSON  
AREA SECRETARY, NORTH AFRICA/MIDDLE  
EAST/EUROPE  
GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES  
WORLD DIVISION  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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UNIVERSITY

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TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE  
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE  
(OR DRAFT) TO:  
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE



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**WORLD DIVISION**  
(212) 870-3600 (Cable: missions new york)

October 12, 1989

J. S. W.  
The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am encouraged by the increasing attention your administration is giving to the urgent question of talks between the Israelis and the Palestinians. However, I remain deeply concerned about the continuing and daily violations of the Palestinians' human rights by the Israeli Defense Forces and by the fact that my and my fellow Americans' tax dollars are a major source of funding for such violations.

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I am enclosing a copy of a telex which I have sent to General Mordechai, Military Commander of the Occupied West Bank, deploring the detention of Dr. Riad Malki, faculty member at Bir Zeit University. I respectfully urge you to use your good offices to obtain the release of Dr. Malki and all other political prisoners in the Occupied Territories.

Very respectfully yours,

Mary Sue Robinson

Mary Sue Robinson  
Area Secretary, North Africa/  
Middle East/Europe  
World Division, United  
Methodist Board of Global  
Ministries

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REMARKS

To Yitzak Mordechai, I.D.F.

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Military Commander: West Bank

c/o Israeli Defense Ministry

Telex # 371434 MOD IL

STRONGLY DEPLORE DETENTION DR. RIAD MALKI, FACULTY MEMBER BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY.

URGE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF HIM AND ALL OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS.

MARY SUE ROBINSON

AREA SECRETARY, NORTH AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST/EUROPE

WORLD DIVISION, UNITED METHODIST BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES