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DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 14, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. MERLE THORPE, JR.

SUBJECT: FORWARDS A COMMENT ON U.S. AID AND WEST BANK
SETTLEMENTS BY PROFESSOR RA'ANAN WEITZ

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February 28, 1990

Dear Mr. Thorpe:

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I have taken note of his perspective and will see that others in the Administration who are responsible in this area are made aware of his views.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John H. Sununu
Chief of Staff

Mr. Merle Thorpe, Jr.
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Washington, D.C. 20004-1109

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cc: Mike Ortega, Room 54
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MARCH 6, 1990

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED FEBRUARY 12, 1990

TO: JOHN SUNUNU

FROM: MR. MERLE THORPE, JR.
PRESIDENT
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WASHINGTON DC 20004

SUBJECT: FORWARDS A COMMENT ON U.S. AID AND WEST BANK
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9005072

Date March 15, 1990

FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann
Acting Executive Secretary
National Security Council Staff
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: John Sununu

From: Mr. Merle Thorpe, Jr.

Date: February 12, 1990

Subject: Forwards a comment on U.S. aid and West Bank
settlements by professor Ra'Anan Weitz

WH Referral Dated: March 6, 1990

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_____ 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.

_____ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

X X 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: In view of previous correspondence between the
Department and Mr. Thorpe, no reply in addition
to that of the White House is necessary on this
issue.


P.R. Sittmann
Director
Secretariat Staff

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February 12, 1990

Mr. John H. Sununu
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The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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Mr. Thorpe

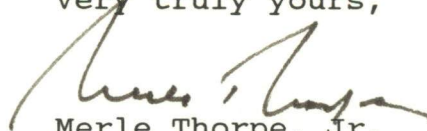
Dear Mr. Sununu:

On the "fungibility" question of U.S. aid and West Bank settlements, you may find interesting the following comment of Professor Ra'anan Weitz, retired chairman of the Jewish Agency Settlement Department, from the Jan-Feb 1987 issue of Moment magazine:

I hold our friends abroad partly responsible for this. U.S. law prohibits the use of American Jewish money in the territories. But American Jews tolerated the establishment of a separate World Zionist Organization Settlement Department that could devote Israeli funds to the West Bank--funds that wouldn't be available were it not for American UJA money making up the shortfall. A legal fiction, in other words. It encouraged Begin and Sharon to divert money we couldn't afford. And the American government was just as inconsistent. They oppose the occupation, but instead of enforcing this view by applying pressure, as they have a right to do, they keep granting massive aid. This relieves pressure so Israel can pour millions into the territories.

Then there's the pressure from the Arab side. A Palestinian state is inevitable. I said this long ago, and it doesn't take a prophet to see it. Anyone who reads history can see it.***

Very truly yours,


Merle Thorpe, Jr.
President