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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 13, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. STEPHEN N. GELL

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO ENSURE THAT AMERICAN
POLICY REGARDING JERUSALEM AND THE RIGHT OF
RETURN OF JEWS TO THEIR CAPITAL CITY REMAINS
CONSISTENT WITH PAST ADMINISTRATION POLICIES

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S/S# 9008194
DATE June 22, 1990

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

For: Mr. William F. Sittmann
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Bush
FROM: Mr. Stephen N. Gell, President
Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington
DATE : March 12, 1990
SUBJECT: U.S. Policy Regarding Jerusalem
WH Referral Dated: April 4, 1990
NSC ID# (if any): 122382

 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
XXX 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:


Director
Secretariat Staff



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 22, 1990

Mr. Stephen N. Gell
President
Jewish Community Council
of Greater Washington
1522 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Gell:

I have been asked to reply to your letter to President Bush expressing concern about his remarks regarding Jerusalem. I sincerely regret the long delay in this response but welcome the opportunity to restate U.S. policy about the city.

We are aware of the great significance which Jerusalem has for Jews, Christians, and Muslims. As such, access to the holy sites must be ensured for people of all faiths.

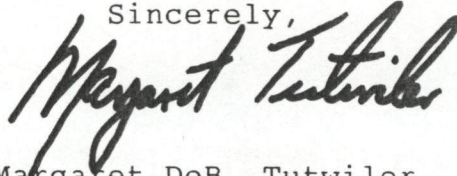
It has long been our policy that Jerusalem must remain undivided, with its ultimate status to be decided through negotiations. There is no question that negotiations about Jerusalem would be facilitated if we were well along on the path to peace, and thus there is no intention now to focus on the final status of Jerusalem.

In the meantime, all sides should avoid unilateral acts or unilateral assertions of rights that might exacerbate local tensions or make it more difficult to make progress in the peace process. All people in Jerusalem ought to uphold and promote comity in the city by not acting in ways that would prejudice prospects for the peace process. As recent events in the city have demonstrated, the real question is not an abstract one of rights, but rather how those rights are implemented.

Now that a new government has been formed in Israel, we will continue our peace efforts. The Administration is prepared to assist the parties in the Middle East toward

attainment of a just and durable peace. We remain strongly committed to the security of Israel and to the search for peace--two objectives which we believe go hand in hand.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Margaret Tutwiler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'M'.

Margaret DeB. Tutwiler
Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
and Department Spokesman

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APRIL 4, 1990

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 122382

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 12, 1990

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. STEPHEN N. GELL
PRESIDENT
JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
OF GREATER WASHINGTON
1522 K STREET, NW.
WASHINGTON DC 20005

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UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

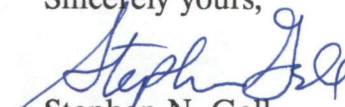
The recent clarification of American policy regarding Jerusalem expressed both by you and by the State Department were most welcome.

Our community strongly believes that Jerusalem, Israel's capital, must remain physically and politically undivided. This unique city, holy to three faiths, has special importance to Jews both historically, religiously and politically, and it has had a constant Jewish presence throughout history, including a Jewish majority for more than a century.

We also believe that Jews have the right to settle in Jerusalem, and that the final status of the city should be the subject of direct, face-to-face negotiations between the parties.

The Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, representing over 220 synagogues and Jewish organizations in the greater Washington area, urges you to ensure that American policy regarding Jerusalem and the right of return of Jews to their capital city remains consistent with past Administration expressions.

Sincerely yours,


Stephen N. Gell,
President

The central, representative body of over 215 affiliated Jewish organizations in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, devoted to community relations, information and action.

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