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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 23, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE PAUL FINDLEY

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDS THE PRESIDENT MAKE A DECLARATION
THAT WOULD DEMONSTRATE STRONG U.S. OPPOSITION
TO THE FORCIBLE OCCUPATION AND ANNEXATION OF
TERRITORY BY ISRAEL AS WELL AS BY IRAQ

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COMMENTS: (1) PLEASE CC SHIRLEY GREEN WITH RESPONSE FOR
THE PRESIDENT'S READING FILE; AUG 10 90 COVER
LETTER TO MRS. BUSH ALSO ATTACHED
WRITER IS A FORMER MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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*X-INTERIM REPLY *			*

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 9019397

Date September 14, 1990

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: The Honorable Paul Findley

Date: August 7, 1990

Subject: Recommends the President make a declaration that
would demonstrate strong U.S. opposition

WH Referral Dated: September 5, 1990

NSCS ID# (if any): 168972

☐ 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.

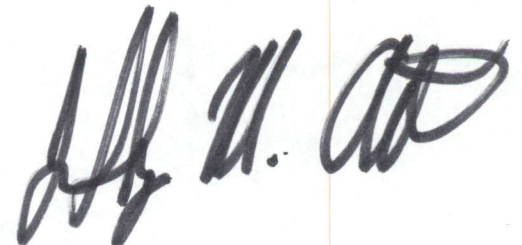
☒ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

☐ 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:



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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

The Honorable
Paul Findley
1040 West College Avenue
Jacksonville, IL 62650

Dear Mr. Findley:

I have been asked to reply to your letters of August 7 to President and Mrs. Bush. I am sure the President is very grateful for your strong support of U.S. policy in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. We remain confident that this policy can reverse Iraq's aggression and restore Kuwait's legitimate government.

On the Arab-Israeli peace process, as you know, U.S. policy has been based on long-standing and constant principles: we support and continue to work actively in pursuit of a comprehensive settlement achieved through direct negotiations based on United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. These negotiations will involve the exchange of territory for peace, security and recognition for all states in the region, including Israel, and the legitimate political rights of Palestinians. We reject unilateral actions by any party which seeks to prejudge the outcome of negotiations or which would make it more difficult to get to negotiations. In this respect the United States has opposed Israel's unilateral annexation of East Jerusalem and its unilateral extension of Israeli law and jurisdiction to the Golan Heights.

To achieve results acceptable to both sides, it is important that the parties themselves take the difficult but necessary decision to get to negotiations and resolve differences. The U.S. has been an active partner in this effort and will continue to promote a negotiating process through public statements and diplomatic actions. During this past year we did make significant progress toward an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue, leading to elections and negotiations. We remain hopeful progress can be achieved quickly and substantially to this goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Daniel C. Kurtzer". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized script.

Daniel C. Kurtzer
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Near Eastern and
South Asian Affairs

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 5, 1990

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 168972

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 7, 1990

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: THE HONORABLE PAUL FINDLEY
 1040 WEST COLLEGE AVENUE
 JACKSONVILLE IL 62650

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDS THE PRESIDENT MAKE A DECLARATION
 THAT WOULD DEMONSTRATE STRONG U.S. OPPOSITION
 TO THE FORCIBLE OCCUPATION AND ANNEXATION OF
 TERRITORY BY ISRAEL AS WELL AS BY IRAQ

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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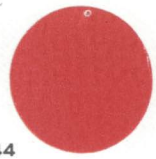
SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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cc with copy of incoming to Lillie Bell

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Mrs. George Bush
c/o Ms. Joan C. DeCain
The White House
Washington DC

August 10, 1990

Dear Barbara:

From long experience on Capitol Hill, I know the difficulty in getting a message to the personal attention of the President.

If, after reading this, you feel it worth calling to your husband's attention, I will be grateful.

With best wishes,

Paul

The Honorable George Bush
The President, The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington DC

August 7, 1990

Dear Mr. President:

As your former colleague in the House of Representative, I write for two reasons: first, to congratulate you on the firm U.S. military response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, an initiative that is clearly required by the American national interest; and second, to recommend a public declaration that would powerfully strengthen this initiative.

The declaration I recommend would demonstrate the strong opposition of the United States to the forcible occupation and annexation of territory by Israel as well as by Iraq.

The United States unfortunately is applying a double-standard in our relationships with Israel and Iraq. We are taking high-risk measures to oppose the occupation and annexation of Kuwait by Iraq but acquiesce, with only mild protest, in the occupation and, in two instances, the annexation of Arab territory by Israel.

This double-standard is not lost on the Arabs we need at our side in this confrontation with Iraq. Much of the support that Iraq's Saddam Hussein receives, both at home and elsewhere, arises from frustration among Arabs because so little has been done to halt Israel. The United States is viewed worldwide as the willing financier of Israel's occupation and annexation measures. Many Arabs see Saddam Hussein as a strong leader who will seek justice, at long last, for those who are abused and dispossessed by Israel.

A United States declaration ending that double-standard would weaken Saddam's political position, strengthen ours and therefore benefit greatly our military position in Saudi Arabia.

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Therefore, I urge that you issue the following declaration:

Announce publicly that the United States--

1. Rejects Israel's annexation of East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights, and strongly opposes its occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.
2. Supports the right of self-determination for the residents of the West Bank and Gaza District.
3. Stands ready to help provide on-site military security of Israel's entire borders if that state withdraws within the area it controlled prior to the June 1967 war. This border protection would, in effect, extend the guarantee that a U.S.-led multinational force already provides along the Egypt-Israel border.

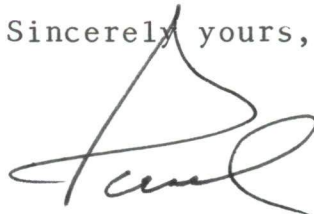
The declaration should go far in meeting the understandable concerns that cause several heads of Arab states to hold back from active participation in the resistance to Saddam's aggressive moves.

At the same time, it would well serve the interests of Israel itself. It would encourage Israel to come to terms with its neighbors by withdrawing to its pre-June 1967 borders under an unprecedented offer of border guarantee.

This declaration is justified entirely on political and moral grounds, but, for the reasons set forth above, it is also demanded by military necessity. As a student of Abraham Lincoln's life, you will recall that the Civil War president justified the issuance of one of history's most important moral decisions, the Emancipation Proclamation, on the grounds of military necessity.

At this critical moment, when the lives of American servicemen are on the line, I urge you to issue your own declaration, emancipating the United States from a double-standard that severely handicaps our government in the pursuit of noble policy goals.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Findley", written in a cursive style.