

THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 26, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. RICKEY CHERNER

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER REPORTS THAT KUWAIT  
IS NOW EXPELLING PALESTINIANS, YEMENIS AND  
PEOPLE OF IRAQI DESCENT

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9112861

Date August 2, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Mr. Rickey Cherner

Date: June 21, 1991

Subj: Expresses concern over reports that Kuwait  
is now expelling Palestinians, Yemenis and

WH Referral Dated: July 11, 1991

NSCS ID# (if any): 249903

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.

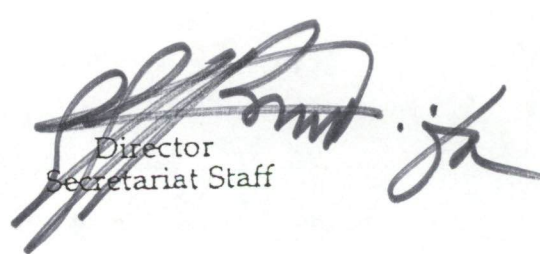
An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

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:

  
Director  
Secretariat Staff



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Mr. Rickey Cherner  
President  
Louis D. Brandeis District  
The Zionist Organization of  
America  
Suite 9  
11710 Hunters Lane  
Rockville, Maryland 20805

Dear Mr. Cherner:

I am responding to your letter of July 11 to the President regarding Israel's practice of deporting Palestinians from the occupied territories and the deportation of Palestinians and other nationalities by other governments.

The Administration supports Israel's right and obligation to provide for security in the occupied territories. We do, however, object to certain practices exercised by the Israeli authorities, including deportation of Palestinians from the occupied territories. It has long been the U.S. position that the Fourth Geneva Convention applies to Israel's control of these territories, and such deportations are not consistent with the provisions of the Convention. The Government of Israel is aware of our views.

In general, we believe that individuals suspected of crimes should be charged and permitted an opportunity to defend themselves in a court of law, where they can confront the evidence and witnesses against them. Those who are convicted should receive appropriate sentences, not including deportation.

The Administration has clearly, strongly, and repeatedly condemned Palestinian violence directed against Israelis, most recently the wave of stabbings that have occurred since December, 1990. During his March visit to Israel, Secretary Baker deplored these stabbings and visited the graves of several victims; he also conveyed his deepest sympathies to the victims' families.

Our record of public statements opposing such violence is very clear. We have consistently stressed to Palestinians and their leadership that violence cannot and will not achieve Palestinian rights.

You have referred in your letter to the expelling of foreign citizens by other countries. These are not analogous situations. Occupying powers, such as Israel in the territories occupied in June, 1967, are prohibited by the Fourth Geneva Convention from deporting protected persons

from the territories they occupy. In the other cases you mention, the governments expelled foreigners living in their countries under temporary residence permits, which is generally permitted under international law.

I hope this information has been of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'W R Brew', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

William R. Brew  
Director  
Office of Israel and  
Arab-Israeli Affairs



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

JULY 11 1991  
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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:  
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 249903  
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JUNE 21, 1991  
TO: PRESIDENT BUSH  
FROM: MR. RICKEY CHERNER  
PRESIDENT  
LOUIS D. BRANDEIS DISTRICT  
THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF  
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SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER REPORTS THAT KUWAIT  
IS NOW EXPELLING PALESTINIANS, YEMENIS AND  
PEOPLE OF IRAQI DESCENT

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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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June 21, 1991

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President George Bush  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are extremely disturbed to hear about the newly liberated government of Kuwait expelling Palestinians, Yemenis, people of Iraqi descent, and others. If the stories we read are true, then these people are guilty of nothing but the sin of not being "pure" Kuwaiti as defined by the government of the Emir. If the reports are true, then these people have been deposited in Iraq with no provision made for even their temporary comfort and safety.

We cannot help but compare the lack of reaction at the United Nations to this outrage to the many United Nations resolutions denouncing Israel when that country expels known terrorists. It would appear that the United Nations has a dual standard. When Arabs expel Arabs, no matter how brutally and no matter how many may be involved or what the degree of their "crime," this seems to be acceptable. When Jews expel a very few Arabs who are known terrorists, the world body goes into a paroxysm of anger. And people wonder why Israel is very edgy about having United Nations involvement in a peace conference.

Until such time as the United Nations treats all nations alike, regardless of their racial or religious composition, hypocrisy will continue to be the ruling characteristic of that body.

All the best,

Rickey Cherner, President  
Louis D. Brandeis District