**THE WHITE HOUSE**
**CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET**

**INCOMING**

**DATE RECEIVED:** JUNE 26, 1991

**NAME OF CORRESPONDENT:** MR. RICKEY CHERNER

**SUBJECT:** EXPRESS CONCERN OVER REPORTS THAT KUWAIT IS NOW EXPPELLING PALESTINIANS, YEMENIS AND PEOPLE OF IRAQI DESCENT

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REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE (ROOM 75, OEOB) EXT-2590
KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT.
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:
Mr. Rickey Chernner  
President  
Louis D. Brandeis District  
The Zionist Organization of  
America  
Suite 9  
11710 Hunters Lane  
Rockville, Maryland 20805

Dear Mr. Chernner:

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,

[Signature]

William R. Brew
Director
Office of Israel and
Arab-Israeli Affairs
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
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      ROCKVILLE MD 20805

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PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE
June 21, 1991

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 Chernier, President  
Louis D. Brandeis District