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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 26, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BILL TIMMONS

FROM:

R. C. MCFARLANE *RCM*

SUBJECT:

Response to Congressman Brock Adams'
Inquiry Concerning Assistance to Israel

Your office requested that we provide you with a draft reply for use in answering a letter from Congressman Brock Adams concerning U. S. assistance to Israel (Tab B).

Accordingly, a draft reply with attachment is enclosed at Tab A for your use in replying to Congressman Adams' letter.

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Dear Mr. Adams:

This is in further response to your letter of February 20 addressing the questions posed by Mr. Blankinship in his letter to you of January 14.

On the first point, the Emergency Security Assistance Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-199) authorizes the President to extend foreign military sales credits to Israel out of funds appropriated under the authority of this Act on such terms and conditions as the President may determine. We anticipate that this determination will be made in the very near future, but as of this moment the details are not yet available on the terms and conditions under which credits will be provided to Israel.

On the second point concerning Mr. Blankinship's request for a copy of an agreement for the sale of supersonic planes to Israel, the statute referred to in his letter (22 U.S.C. 2410) merely expresses the sense of the Congress that the President enter into such an agreement. It does not provide additional authority beyond that contained in the Foreign Military Sales Act for such sales. Over the years, the United States has entered into a number of agreements with Israel for the sale of aircraft. Documents evidencing such sales are classified for reasons of national security and are not releasable for public dissemination.

Finally, reports furnished to the Congress under 22 U.S.C. 2775 (b) dealing with the sales of defense articles to Israel are also classified for reasons of national security because the data in such reports reflect quantities of specific weapons. However, there is available an unclassified extract from a recently published journal prepared by the Comptroller of the Defense Security Assistance Agency which contains data dealing with our world-wide security assistance programs, including transactions with Israel. I am enclosing a copy of this document which you may wish to provide to Mr. Blankinship.

I hope the foregoing is of some help.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Enclosure: A/A

The Honorable
Brock Adams
House of Representatives
Washington, D.D. 20515

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

April 25, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: BUD MCFARLANE
FROM: SVEN KRAEMER SK
SUBJECT: Response to Congressman Brock Adams'
Correspondence on Israel

Attached for your signature at Tab I is a revised memorandum to Bill Timmons transmitting a draft response (Tab A) to a letter from Congressman Brock Adams (Tab B) concerning U. S. assistance to Israel. The draft response enclosed reflects the President's decisions of April 23 as well as a revision by Hal Saunders of an earlier draft prepared by the Department of State. Saunders and Stukel concur. NS

February 25, 1974

Dear Mr. Adams:

This is in response to your February 20 letter on behalf of Mr. John D. Blankinship who has received no response to his November 16 letter to the President.

I have checked the record of incoming White House mail and there is no record of receipt of Mr. Blankinship's letter. However, I will be pleased to refer his January 14 letter to you to the appropriate members of the staff for review. You will hear farther as soon as possible.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Brock Adams
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

February 20, 1974

Congressional Liaison Office
for the Executive Branch
134 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter I have received from my constituent, John D. Blankinship, an attorney from Seattle, requesting some information with respect to United States assistance to Israel.

You will note on Page 2 of Mr. Blankinship's letter that he has previously written to President Nixon with a similar request. As yet, he has received no response to that first inquiry. In view of his concern, I would very much appreciate it if you would endeavor to obtain the information requested by my constituent and forward the material to me so that I might respond to his inquiry.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours very truly,


BROCK ADAMS, M. C.

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Enclosure

Katie advised not to write to 134 Cannon

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Congressman Brock Adams
U.S. Courthouse
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Brock:

Thanks very much for getting for me a copy of HR11088, the 2.2 billion dollar appropriation to Israel. I wonder if you could get for me some additional information on this matter.

Section 3 of the new appropriation provides that military assistance out of the appropriated funds shall be furnished in accordance with the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. That Act in turn provides that the President is authorized to furnish assistance "on such terms and conditions as he may determine in order to support or promote economic or political stability." Also, Section 3 of the new law says foreign military sales credits to Israel shall be provided on such terms and conditions as the President may determine and without regard to the provisions of the Foreign Military Sales Act. I wonder if you could find out for me what "terms and conditions" the President has prescribed for military assistance to Israel and/or for military sales to it.

22 USC §2410 provides that the President may negotiate an agreement with Israel for the sale of supersonic planes. I would like to obtain a copy of the agreement and would appreciate it if you could get one for me.

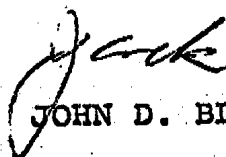
22 USC §2775(b) requires the President to submit semi-annual reports to the Speaker of the House of Representatives on sales and guarantees with respect to procurement of defense articles by Israel in the U.S. I would like to obtain a copy.

Congressman Brock Adams
January 14, 1974
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On November 16th I sent the President a request for this information but I never received any response - not even an acknowledgement. The letter was from the office with a return address and was not returned undelivered.

Whatever you can do on this would be appreciated and if you are curious as to why I am asking please phone me.

Very truly yours,



JOHN D. BLANKINSHIP

JDB:jm