



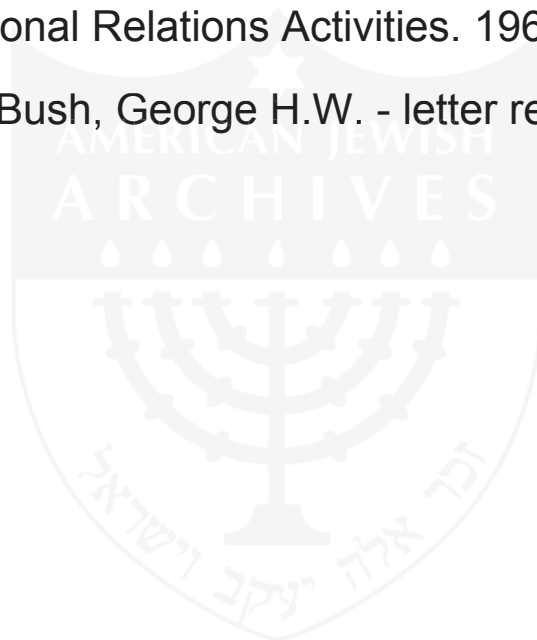
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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

July 16, 1986

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Dear Marc:

Thank you for your letter and draft proposal for a White House Conference on Combatting International Terrorism. It was good hearing from you, and I found your proposal most thoughtful. I regret the delay in responding, but I wanted to discuss your proposal with officials at the State Department and other agencies first.

As you know, the Vice Presidential Task Force Report was made public in March. We are in the process of implementing many of the Report's recommendations and are pleased with results to date. We have seen major improvements in support and cooperation among private and public organizations. President Reagan and I are most pleased by the increasing cooperation being provided by Western European governments.

This Administration's primary emphasis now is developing additional political and economic pressures against countries supporting terrorism, especially Libya, and we are making progress through a variety of channels. We believe it would be most effective for the present to continue to concentrate our resources in working to obtain better cooperation overseas. For this reason, I view a White House Conference, such as you have proposed, as being most useful at a future time and stage. We will of course keep this option in mind.

Your preliminary work has been very useful, and I thank you for your continued interest and support in our efforts to end terrorism.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



George Bush