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According to State Country Desk Officer, there was a clash in Gaza yesterday during which approximately 90 Palestinians were reportedly injured.

This area has been the scene of other large-scale clashes in the past; however, these have not been incidents recently in this area of this magnitude.

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Other Recent Events:

Israel announced that community colleges and vocational institutions in the West Bank are going to be permitted to open on a gradual basis. It is hoped that this will lead to the opening of universities in the future.

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See article attached.

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HEADLINE: ISRAELIS WOUND 92 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA VIOLENCE

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Israeli troops backed by a helicopter spraying tear gas shot and wounded at least 92 Palestinians in the occupied Gaza Strip Monday in some of the most violent clashes in months, doctors said.

Hospital and clinic workers said at least 69 of the wounded were from Rafah refugee camp, a focus of unrest in the 26-month-old Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule.

An army spokesman said troops wounded 15 protesters and declared Rafah a closed military zone. The army counts as wounded only those admitted to a hospital.

The casualties Monday brought to at least 115 the number of people wounded by gunfire in the Gaza Strip in two days.

The clashes began at dawn when residents of the teeming camp on the border with Egypt took to the streets to protest the killing of a 20-year-old resident by troops Sunday night.

The army tried to put down the protests with gunfire, a gravel-spraying cannon and tear gas, and clamped a curfew on the camp and surrounding areas, Rafah residents said.

But protesters defied the curfew and clashes raged for hours. The army called in border police reinforcements and dropped tear gas canisters from a helicopter, they said.

Hospital and clinic workers said they treated 100 Palestinians for tear gas inhalation.

The clashes started when troops tried to prevent 1,000 residents from holding a wake for Wa'el Jamil al-Hams, who was shot by troops Sunday and later died in hospital.

At least 21 people were wounded in other Gaza areas Monday including several children and a man of 60 from Gaza City who was partly paralyzed when shot in the head with a rubber coated metal bullet.

Earlier this month, troops killed four people and wounded more than 130 in a week, after reports that former Rafah residents took part in an attack on

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Israeli tourists in Egypt.

Most of the casualties were in Rafah.

In recent months, Rafah has seen a rash of attacks by Palestinian nationalists on fellow Arabs who they suspect of collaborating with Israel.

At least 625 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli troops or civilians in the uprising that began in December 1987. Another 187 have been killed by other Arabs as suspected collaborators or moral deviants and 44 Jews have died.

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January 30, 1990

The Honorable Robert Dole  
US Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1601

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12:15 SPEAK*

Dear Senator Dole:

We are pleased to invite you to be our guest at a special National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA) luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 1990, 12:15 - 2:00 p.m., in the Gold Room of the Rayburn House Office Building.

The February 27 luncheon is the highlight of NAAA's 8th annual Arab-American Day on Capitol Hill -- where our members and friends gather from throughout the U.S. to lobby Congress on issues of importance to Arab Americans. Participants will attend workshops on direct political action and will be briefed on the issues relevant to their lobby activities.

The National Association of Arab Americans -- now in its 17th year -- is the principal lobbying organization for the nation's 3,000,000 Arab Americans. NAAA members are of various ethnic and religious backgrounds and represent a broad range of political opinions. Strong Arab-American ties, a just Middle East peace, and an evenhanded U.S. policy in that vital region are key principles of our national agenda.

You need not specifically address Middle East issues, but your message of encouragement for our grass roots activists will be most welcomed.

Please contact me at 467-4800 if I can be of any assistance, or Joelynn Scalzo from NAAA's staff will contact your office in the near future.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Jawad F. George*

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Executive Director

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARAB AMERICANS

FEBRUARY 27, 1990

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO  
WASHINGTON, AND TO CAPITOL HILL.

I KNOW THAT YOU ARE HERE ON SERIOUS BUSINESS  
-- AS AMERICANS, AND AS ARAB-AMERICANS.



YOU HAVE AN "ALL-AMERICAN AGENDA" -- TAXES,  
CLEAN AIR, CHILD CARE, THE COST OF HEALTH SERVICES,  
THE EMERGENCE OF NEW DEMOCRACIES AROUND THE  
WORLD. THE SAME ISSUES THAT OCCUPY CAPITOL HILL,  
AND INTEREST AMERICANS ALL AROUND THIS COUNTRY.



BUT YOUR AGENDA DOESN'T STOP THERE. BECAUSE  
YOU HAVE A LEGITIMATE, 'SPECIAL INTEREST' IN A SET OF  
ISSUES OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO YOU. ISSUES THAT  
DIRECTLY AFFECT YOUR WELFARE, AND THE WELFARE OF  
YOUR FAMILIES AND YOUR ORIGINAL HOMELANDS.

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SOMETIMES PROGRESS COMES SLOWLY, AND IT IS  
FRUSTRATING. BUT AT LEAST I BELIEVE YOU'VE MADE  
THIS MUCH PROGRESS -- THE ISSUES OF YOUR SPECIAL  
CONCERN ARE FINALLY BEGINNING TO SHOW UP ON  
SCOPES AROUND CAPITOL HILL AND AROUND THIS TOWN.

SOME OF THE KNEE-JERK ATTITUDES OF OLD ABOUT  
ISSUES OF THE MIDDLE EAST ARE BUMPING UP AGAINST  
SOME IMPORTANT NEW REALITIES.





THE REALITIES OF OUR FEDERAL BUDGET AND  
DEFICITS -- WHICH MUST BEGIN TO SHAPE OUR FOREIGN  
AID PRIORITIES.

THE REALITIES OF THE INCREDIBLE DEVELOPMENTS  
WE SEE IN EASTERN EUROPE, IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND  
HERE ON OUR DOORSTEP IN CENTRAL AMERICA -- WHEN  
CONTRASTED WITH APPARENT INTRACTABILITY OF  
EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.



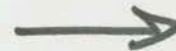
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THE REALITIES OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN -- AND LET  
ME SAY CANDIDLY: NOT ALWAYS TOTALLY INNOCENT  
WOMEN AND CHILDREN -- BUT WOMEN AND CHILDREN,  
NONETHELESS, CONFRONTING AND SOMETIMES BEING  
BRUTALIZED BY HEAVILY ARMED ISRAELI TROOPS.  
PICTURES BROADCAST ON THE NIGHTLY NEWS, IN WAYS  
THAT MOST AMERICANS CAN'T IGNORE.



IT'S A CHANGING WORLD -- AND THERE IS NO FENCE  
BUILT AROUND THE MIDDLE EAST, TO KEEP THOSE  
CHANGES OUT; OR, FOR THAT MATTER, AROUND THE  
MINDS OF FAIR AND HONEST AMERICANS, WHO  
LITTLE-BY-LITTLE ARE BEING AFFECTED BY WHAT IS  
GOING ON AROUND THE WORLD, AND IN THE MIDDLE  
EAST.

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LET ME COMMENT BRIEFLY ON JUST THREE OF THE  
ISSUES THAT I KNOW CONCERN YOU.



FIRST, MY PROPOSAL TO CUT AID TO SO-CALLED  
"EARMARKED" COUNTRIES BY 5%. THE OPPONENTS OF  
THAT PROPOSAL ARE PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS.

IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HEAR A LITTLE MORE  
FROM THOSE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO SEE SOME  
MERIT IN THE PROPOSAL.



YESTERDAY, WE HAD TWO MORE REASONS --  
NICARAGUA AND LITHUANIA -- TO CELEBRATE FOR  
FREEDOM. AND WE HAD TWO MORE COMPELLING  
REASONS TO TAKE A NEW LOOK AT OUR CURRENT  
FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS.



I SAID YESTERDAY ON THE SENATE FLOOR: I DON'T  
SEE A WHOLE BUNCH OF SENATORS LINING UP TO  
PROPOSE MORE FOREIGN AID, OVERALL. BUT I DO SEE A  
WHOLE BUNCH OF THEM SAYING: WE HAVE TO START  
GIVING MORE TO PANAMA, OR NICARAGUA, OR POLAND,  
OR CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

IN FACT, YOU CAN MAKE A PRETTY COMPELLING  
CASE FOR AMERICAN AID FOR ANY ONE OF THOSE  
COUNTRIES. BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO PAY FOR IT?



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SOMETHING'S GOT TO GIVE. AND I THINK WHAT  
SHOULD GIVE IS THESE MULTI-MILLION AND  
MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR FOREIGN AID "ENTITLEMENT  
PROGRAMS" THAT WE'RE FUNDING. PROGRAMS THAT  
MIGHT HAVE MADE PERFECT SENSE WHEN WE STARTED  
WRITING THE <sup>CHECKS</sup>~~CHECK~~ FIVE OR TEN YEARS AGO -- BUT  
PROGRAMS THAT, AT A MINIMUM, OUGHT TO BE LOOKED  
AT AGAIN, TO SEE IF THEY CAN BE JUSTIFIED IN 1990 IN  
VIEW OF ALL THESE MOMENTOUS CHANGES AROUND THE  
WORLD.



SO I REPEAT: I HOPE THAT THOSE OF YOU WHO  
MIGHT SEE MERIT IN WHAT I HAVE SUGGESTED WILL BE  
ACTIVE AND AGGRESSIVE IN MAKING YOUR VIEWS  
KNOWN. EVEN IF WE DON'T PREVAIL THIS TIME, GOOD  
ARGUMENTS, WELL-MADE, HAVE A WAY OF STICKING IN  
THE BACKS OF PEOPLES' MINDS -- AND, SOMEWHERE  
DOWN THE ROAD, PAYING OFF.





SO THAT'S ONE ISSUE.

A SECOND ONE IS THE 'MIDDLE EAST PEACE  
PROCESS.' I REALLY WANT TO SAY ONLY THIS:

IT HAPPENS TO BE ONE ISSUE WHERE IT'S EASY TO  
TAKE AN EVEN-HANDED APPROACH. THERE IS PLENTY OF  
BLAME TO GO AROUND.

BUT I AGREE WITH THE RECENT STATEMENTS OF  
SECRETARY BAKER AND OTHERS. IT IS TIME FOR ALL  
PARTIES TO QUIT STALLING AND 'NIT-PICKING' -- AND  
START NEGOTIATING.



EVERYBODY INVOLVED HAS THEIR OWN POLITICAL  
NEEDS AND PROBLEMS. BUT, AS FAR AS I KNOW, WE ARE  
READY; THE EGYPTIANS ARE READY. IT IS TIME TO GET  
ON WITH IT.

WE HAVE NEGOTIATIONS AND ELECTIONS ALL OVER  
THE WORLD -- MUST THE MIDDLE EAST BE LAST?

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THIRD, AND FINALLY, I WANT TO SAY A WORD ABOUT  
AN ISSUE OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO ME -- LEBANON.



A FEW WEEKS AGO IN LOS ANGELES, I WAS  
HONORED BY THE AMERICAN TASK FORCE ON LEBANON  
-- WITH ITS PHILIP C. HABIB AWARD. SOME OF YOU MAY  
BE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE.

ON THAT OCCASION, I LAID OUT A GENERAL "GAME  
PLAN" TO ADDRESS THE CRITICAL ISSUE OF LEBANON. I  
WANT TO GO OVER ITS ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS WITH YOU  
TODAY.



FIRST, AND FOREMOST, THE UNITED STATES MUST  
GET MORE ACTIVELY RE-ENGAGED IN THE ISSUE OF  
LEBANON. WE MUST SEE LEBANON, AGAIN, AS AN  
IMPORTANT FOCUS OF OUR SECURITY ATTENTION -- AND  
NOT JUST AS A "SIDESHOW" TO A BROADER MIDDLE EAST  
SETTLEMENT.



IN LOS ANGELES, I URGED THE APPOINTMENT OF A  
"SPECIAL AMERICAN ENVOY." I REPEAT THAT CALL  
TODAY. I HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE COMPLEXITY OF  
THE PROBLEM OF LEBANON, AND OF THE ODDS AGAINST  
ANY EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A BREAKTHROUGH.



BUT I DO KNOW THAT PEOPLE ARE DYING AT AN  
ALARMING RATE -- THE CARNAGE IS FAR WORSE THAN IT  
HAS BEEN ON THE WEST BANK AND IN GAZA, OR IN  
PANAMA, OR ROMANIA, OR ANYWHERE ELSE RECENTLY  
ON THE FRONT PAGES. AND I AM CONVINCED THAT IT IS  
NOT A VIABLE OR HUMANE POLICY FOR THIS GREAT  
COUNTRY, TO JUST "STAND BY" AND WAIT TO SEE WHO  
WILL BE THE LAST SURVIVOR.

WE MUST AT LEAST TRY.



THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL ENVOY WOULD  
ALSO SEND A SIGNAL, AND BE THE BEARER OF WHAT I  
BELIEVE SHOULD BE VERY STRONG MESSAGES -- TO  
THOSE WHO ARE THE BIGGEST BARRIERS TO PEACE AND  
NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY FOR LEBANON.

THERE MAY BE SOME OF SYRIAN DESCENT HERE  
TODAY. BUT I HAVE NEVER BEEN KNOWN FOR PULLING  
MY PUNCHES, AND I CAN'T IN GOOD CONSCIENCE DO SO  
TODAY: SYRIA'S POLICIES ARE THE BIGGEST SINGLE  
BARRIER TO PEACE IN LEBANON.



THE TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE OF THE ARAB LEAGUE --  
MOROCCO, SAUDI ARABIA AND ALGERIA -- THEY HAVE  
DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB. THE TAIF (tie-eef)  
AGREEMENT WHICH THEY BROKERED REMAINS THE "MAP"  
THAT HAS TO BE FOLLOWED IN PURSUIT OF PEACE IN  
LEBANON. THEY DESERVE OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AS  
THEY PURSUE THEIR INITIATIVE.

BUT THEIR JOB WILL NOT BE FULLY DONE UNTIL  
SYRIA AGREES TO A BINDING TIMETABLE FOR A TOTAL  
WITHDRAWAL.





HOWEVER, LET ME ADD THIS, TOO: SYRIA IS NOT THE  
ONLY FOREIGN FORCE OCCUPYING PART OF LEBANON,  
AND INTRUDING INTO ITS SOVEREIGN AFFAIRS.

ALL FOREIGN FORCES MUST BE WITHDRAWN:  
SYRIA'S, IRAN'S -- AND ISRAEL'S, TOO.

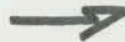
LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY WILL NOT BE RESTORED,  
UNTIL ALL FOREIGN FORCES ARE WITHDRAWN, AND A  
STRONG NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IS INSTALLED --  
REPRESENTING ALL SEGMENTS OF LEBANESE SOCIETY.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I DON'T SUPPOSE ALL OF  
YOU HAVE AGREED WITH EVERYTHING I HAVE JUST SAID.  
BUT I KNOW THAT YOU KNOW -- FROM PERSONAL  
EXPERIENCE -- HOW IMPORTANT IT IS JUST TO HAVE THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK YOUR PIECE, AND HAVE YOUR  
VIEWS OPENLY AND HONESTLY CONSIDERED.

SO I THANK YOU, SINCERELY, FOR WELCOMING ME  
TO YOUR MEETING TODAY; AND FOR GIVING MY VIEWS AN  
OPEN AND HONEST HEARING.



IT IS THE AMERICAN WAY; AND, AS I HAVE FOUND  
FROM SPEAKING AT A NUMBER OF YOUR EVENTS, THE  
ARAB-AMERICAN WAY.

KEEP AT IT. MORE AND MORE, YOUR VOICE IS BEING  
HEARD.

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