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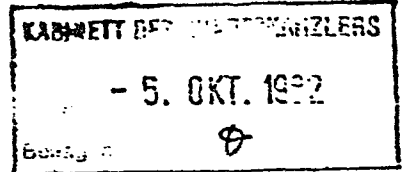
An den
Präsidenten des Nationalrates
Anton BENYA

Parlament
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Die Abgeordneten zum Nationalrat Dipl.-Vw. Dr. Steiner und Genossen haben am 10. November 1982 unter der Nr. 2194/J an mich eine schriftliche parlamentarische Anfrage betreffend Inhalt des Briefes von US-Präsident Reagan gerichtet, welche folgenden Wortlaut hat:

"Sind Sie bereit, den unterzeichneten Abgeordneten den Brief von US-Präsident Reagan zu deren Information zur Verfügung zu stellen?"

In Beantwortung der Anfrage beehre ich mich, in Fotokopie das Schreiben des Präsidenten der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika Ronald Reagan vom 28. September 1982 sowie mein Antwortschreiben vom 12. Oktober 1982 zur Verfügung zu stellen.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 28, 1982

Dear Chancellor Kreisky:

It is good to hear that our countries are pursuing complementary policies on several important questions in recent days. Your efforts in support of the United States peace initiative for the Middle East are greatly appreciated, and I urge you to continue your efforts to persuade others to work with us. I pray that we may be successful in ending the divisions which tear this troubled region. Austria's United Nations vote on the spurious issue of American colonialism in Puerto Rico was an important gesture in preserving the integrity of that institution. We appreciate your personal interest in this matter.

It is my profound hope that we can continue to work together towards the goals of peace and freedom which our two peoples share.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Reagan".

His Excellency
Dr. Bruno Kreisky
Chancellor of the Republic of Austria
Vienna

Vienna, October 12, 1982

Dear Mr. President,

It is indeed needless to say that I was very happy to receive your letter of September 28, 1982. This letter is written in a spirit which illustrates that the relations between Austria and the United States truly have a special character. It may be that there are, here and there, differences of opinion but there is nothing which has been more useful in the relations between the two countries than a frank exchange of views.

Let me now also in this way congratulate you to the historic initiative on the Middle East. I would like to tell you that I am ready to give every possible support to this initiative. In this spirit, I have developed a number of activities and I have, for instance, taken up this matter during a visit to Tunisia over the past weekend, not only with President Bourguiba, Prime Minister Mzali and Foreign Minister Essebsi but also with highranking Palestinian leaders and with the Arab League. In each conversation I have pointed to the historic importance of the American initiative and I have admonished those who are ready to listen to me to do nothing which could in any way hamper the initiative. It would be, I told them, of crucial importance to achieve a further rallying of U.S. public opinions to this position.

His Excellency

Mr. Ronald REAGAN
President of the United States of America

The White House
Washington

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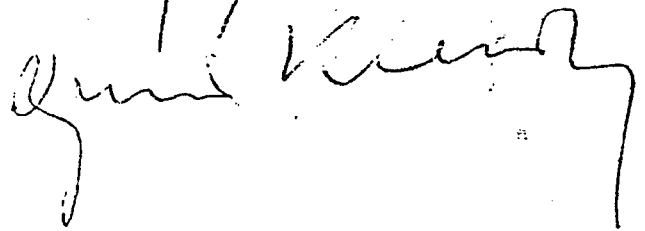
As a concrete expression of these efforts, we were able to obtain an explicit and positive reference to the initiative of the American President in the joint Austrian-Tunisian communiqué.

In a similar way I had occasion to talk to some influential leaders of the Jewish community.

Dear Mr. President, Your invitation for further cooperation in the interest of peace is not only honoring me - it is for me a real commitment.

I remain, Mr. President with my best regards

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kurt Waldheim', written in a cursive style.