Father of Sirhan Asks Israel Aid

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PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — An Israeli government official told Portland newsmen Wednesday that the father of Sirhan Sirhan, the man accused of slaying Sen. Robert Kennedy, has asked Israel's help in getting permission to visit his son in the United States.

Menachem Beigen, co-chairman of Israel's National Security Committee, said, "Our authorities will do whatever they can to assist him as a father in meeting his son's needs."

Sirhan's father lives in a portion of Jordan occupied by Israel in last year's six-day war.

Beigen was in Portland to speak at an Israel bond dinner Wednesday. He is touring major cities in the United States, speaking at similar American fund-raising functions.

The minister without portfolio said he would not comment on the Sirhan case because of the upcoming trial.