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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 14, 1975

*Handwritten initials*

MEMORANDUM TO: DONALD RUMSFELD

FROM: ROBERT A. GOLDWIN

*Handwritten initials*

In case you missed it, as I did, the enclosed article is important for three reasons:

1. Elie Wiesel is an exceptionally good Jewish author and playwright who is very likely to catch and express the mood of Jewish people here and in Europe as well as in Israel.
2. The mood of deep anxiety among Jews may be exaggerated but it is very real, very strong, and growing.
3. The handwritten note at the bottom is from a relative of mine who escaped from Vienna in 1938, one day before the storm troopers came to arrest her family. Almost all of the rest of the relatives were killed. She and her husband and young daughter have had an exceptionally good life in the United States. Her comment at the bottom, in case you cannot make it out, is, "I too am reminded of the past, but I'm confident our President cares about us!" That impression may not be widespread, but it exists among some Jewish Americans and should be carefully nurtured.

Encl.

