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ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF THE B'NAI B'RITH
WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1974

YOU HAVE HONORED ME WITH YOUR
INVITATION TO COME TO FLORIDA TO SPEAK
TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ANTI-
DEFAMATION LEAGUE, OF B'NAI B'RITH. I HAVE
LONG ADMIRERD THE ENERGY, DEDICATION AND
COMMITMENT OF B'NAI B'RITH.

Telephone / P.M.



IT IS A PLEASURE TO SPEND SOME TIME
WITH YOU, THOUGH I REGRET THAT TIME HAS
TO BE SO LIMITED. BUT I'M GLAD I DID GET
A CHANCE TO MEET MANY OF YOU IN PERSON
IN THE GARDEN. ~~THAT MADE ME ESPECIALLY~~
~~APPRECIATIVE OF THE FACT THAT YOU ARE~~
~~HOLDING THIS MEETING IN FLORIDA.~~



WE'RE SETTING SOME KIND OF RECORD FOR
DANK, DISMAL, RAINY AND FOGGY WEATHER IN
WASHINGTON THIS WINTER. IT'S GOOD TO SEE
AND FEEL THE SUN AGAIN, IF ONLY FOR A
SHORT TIME.



TODAY I WANT TO TALK ABOUT PEACE.

IT WAS WITH A DREAM OF PEACE THAT ALBERT EINSTEIN CAME TO AMERICA FROM GERMANY. EINSTEIN BROUGHT MORE THAN THE GENIUS THAT INTRODUCED THE NUCLEAR AGE. HE ALSO BROUGHT THE INSIGHT THAT WE MUST EVOLVE A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS IN WHICH ALL MANKIND ASCENDS TO HIGHER LEVELS OF HUMAN COMPASSION, IMAGINATION, AND COOPERATION.



EINSTEIN SAID THAT PEACE CANNOT BE KEPT BY FORCE. IT CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY UNDERSTANDING.

ANOTHER VISIONARY CAME TO THE UNITED STATES FROM GERMANY. HE IS HENRY KISSINGER, WHOSE DIPLOMATIC SKILLS ARE HELPING TO BRING FULFILLMENT TO ALBERT EINSTEIN'S DREAM.



THERE WERE THOSE WHOSE EYEBROWS
LIFTED IN SURPRISE -- YES EVEN SKEPTICISM --
WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON ANNOUNCED ~~THAT~~
HENRY KISSINGER AS HIS CHOICE FOR THE
SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE. THE DOUBTERS
WONDERED WHETHER THE OFFICE MIGHT LIMIT
THE MARVELOUS PERSUASIVE POWERS WHICH
HELPED OPEN THE LONG-CLOSED DOOR TO CHINA
AND ACCOMPLISHED OTHER MAJOR CHANGES IN THE
WAY WE LOOKED AT THE WORLD AND IN THE WAY
THE WORLD LOOKED AT US.



BUT NOW THINK IT IS OBVIOUS, EVEN TO THOSE SKEPTICS, THAT THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION STRENGTHENED RATHER THAN WEAKENED HENRY KISSINGER'S INFLUENCE ON DIPLOMACY.

NOW, HENRY KISSINGER SPEAKS AS THE CHIEF FOREIGN POLICY OFFICER FOR OUR GOVERNMENT WITH THE FULL WEIGHT OF THE PRESIDENCY BEHIND HIM. THIS, I BELIEVE, WAS A POSITIVE FACTOR IN HENRY KISSINGER'S SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST.



BEFORE GOING INTO MORE DETAIL ABOUT THE REMARKABLE DIPLOMACY OF HENRY KISSINGER, I WANT TO REFER TO THE PRESIDENT WHO ESTABLISHED THE POLICIES THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE IMPLEMENTED. SO MUCH ATTENTION HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON CONTROVERSIAL EVENTS IN WASHINGTON I FEAR WE ARE LOSING SIGHT OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S CREATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD.



THE FACT IS THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S MIDDLE EAST POLICY IS A STUDY IN CREDIBILITY, INTEGRITY, AND CONSISTENCY. THE PRESIDENT'S 1968 ADDRESS BEFORE THE B'NAI B'RITH ORGANIZATION CLEARLY OUTLINED HIS VIEW OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI IMPASSE, HIS COMMITMENTS, AND HIS VISIONARY CONCEPT OF THE DANGERS AND HOPEFUL POSSIBILITIES FOR THAT VITAL REGION.



THE NIXON DOCTRINE EMERGED IN 1969. IT WAS A CONCEPT OF THE WORLD THAT WOULD LEAD AMERICA TO LISTEN MORE AND LECTURE LESS, INCLINING US TOWARD PARTNERSHIP RATHER THAN PATERNALISM. THE STATE OF ISRAEL WAS CONCERNED AT THAT TIME LEST UNILATERAL CONCESSIONS BE DEMANDED OF HER AND AN ARBITRARY SETTLEMENT BE IMPOSED. THE PRESIDENT PLEDGED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD ONLY USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO ASSIST THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT TO FASHION THEIR OWN SETTLEMENT. HE KEPT HIS WORD.



MR. NIXON MADE A COMMITMENT TO HELP ISRAEL MAINTAIN AN ARMS BALANCE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY DEFENSE CAPABILITY. HE WAS MINDFUL OF THE MASSIVE FLOW OF SOVIET ARMS TO EGYPT AND SYRIA. HE KEPT HIS WORD.

THERE WAS NO CREDIBILITY GAP WHEN THE U.S. AIR FORCE RUSHED TRANSPORT AFTER TRANSPORT LOADED WITH ARMS TO ISRAEL DURING AND AFTER THE OCTOBER WAR. THIS WAS DONE TO REPLACE ISRAELI LOSSES AND MAINTAIN THE BALANCE IN THE FACE OF THE HEAVY SHIPMENTS OF SOVIET ARMS TO THE AREA. TO FINANCE



THE AIRLIFT AND OTHER ASSISTANCE, THE ADMINISTRATION SPONSORED A \$2.2 BILLION EMERGENCY AID BILL. MR. NIXON KEPT HIS WORD.

THE PRESIDENT WAS FORCED TO ORDER A MILITARY ALERT IN OCTOBER TO AVERT THE POSSIBILITY OF UNILATERAL DIRECT INTERVENTION BY AN OUTSIDE POWER IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT. SOME IN WASHINGTON SAW A CREDIBILITY GAP. BUT THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT THE ALERT WAS NECESSARY, AND THERE WAS NO CREDIBILITY GAP IN THE



NATIONS DIRECTLY CONCERNED. THEY KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING. AGAIN, THE PRESIDENT WAS CONSISTENT WITH OUR STATED POLICIES.

IN RECENT YEARS THERE WAS GREAT CONCERN OVER THE PLIGHT OF SOVIET JEWISH CITIZENS WHO WANTED TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL. PRESIDENT NIXON SAID HE WOULD INTERCEDE. HE DID. THERE IS NO CREDIBILITY GAP AMONG THE MANY THOUSANDS OF SOVIET JEWS WHO CONTINUE TO FIND NEW HOMES IN ISRAEL.



SECRETARY KISSINGER'S RECENT MISSION PROFITED FROM THE NEW CLIMATE THAT EXISTS IN THE WORLD. THIS IS THE CLIMATE THAT ENSUED FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HISTORIC INITIATIVES IN VISITING MOSCOW AND PEKING AND FROM THE UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED THERE AND IN SUBSEQUENT EXCHANGES. THIS IS THE CLIMATE THAT FLOWS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S EXTRICATING OUR NATION FROM THE WAR IN VIETNAM, HIS TERMINATING THE DRAFT, AND OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS.



I AM CONVINCED THAT PREJUDICE AND HATRED BETWEEN ARAB AND ISRAEL CAN BE TRANSCENDED JUST AS WE HAVE MOVED FORWARD IN OUR OWN RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. ACCORDINGLY, WE LOOK TOWARD THE CONTINUED MOMENTUM OF ARAB-ISRAELI SETTLEMENT. BOTH SIDES NOW HAVE MUCH TO GAIN BY NOT PERMITTING THE SITUATION TO STAGNATE WHERE IT IS, BUT TO TRANSLATE IT INTO STEADY PROGRESS TOWARD FURTHER AGREEMENTS ENCOMPASSING THE REMAINING ISSUES, RESULTING IN A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.



THIS IS A TEST FOR THE PARTIES
DIRECTLY INVOLVED AS WELL AS FOR ALL
POWERS WITH INTERESTS IN THE AREA AND,
IN ADDITION, FOR THE UNITED NATIONS FORCES
ENTRUSTED WITH PEACEKEEPING ON BEHALF OF
THE PARTIES AND THE WORLD COMMUNITY.



SECRETARY KISSINGER'S HANDIWORK HAS RELIEVED A DANGEROUS GLOBAL PRESSURE POINT. THE ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN FORCES ARE PHYSICALLY DISENGAGING THEMSELVES, WITH THE U.N. FORCES IN BETWEEN ACTING AS A BUFFER. EACH SIDE NOW HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY OUT THIS AGREEMENT IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO INSTILL CONFIDENCE IN THE OTHER SIDE THAT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THEM CAN SUCCEED AND CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILDING OF PEACE.



ALL OF THE CREDIT DOES NOT BELONG
TO AMERICAN DIPLOMACY. A LARGE SHARE
ACCRUES TO THE COURAGE, GOODWILL AND
VISION OF LEADERS IN BOTH EGYPT AND ISRAEL.
I SALUTE THE STATESMANSHIP OF PRESIDENT SADAT
(SAH-DOT) OF EGYPT AND PRIME MINISTER
GOLDA MEIR (MAY-EAR) OF ISRAEL.



SECRETARY KISSINGER'S GENIUS WAS IN
NARROWING THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE PARTIES
WITHOUT IMPOSING A FORMULA FROM OUTSIDE.
HE ACTED AS A GO-BETWEEN FOR THE TWO SIDES.
THIS IS FAR BETTER THAN COERCION. IT
ENHANCES AMERICA'S MORAL STANDING WITH
BOTH PARTIES, INCREASES OUR INFLUENCE, AND
DECREASES THE CHANCES OF AMERICAN MILITARY
EMBROILMENT.



I WISH TO REAFFIRM THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT BE EXPECTED TO NEGOTIATE FROM A POSITION OF WEAKNESS. WE ARE CONTINUING OUR POLICY OF APPROPRIATE ARMS SUPPLY TO ISRAEL. WE ARE CAREFULLY OBSERVING DEVELOPMENTS TO ASCERTAIN THAT REDEPLOYMENT OF ISRAELI TROOPS STRENGTHENS THE MUTUAL DESIRE TO PURSUE PEACE AND LESSENS THE CHANCES FOR A RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES.



WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK WITH THE SOVIET UNION IN EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE REGIONAL FRICTION.

WE HAVE FELT THAT THE OIL EMBARGO IMPOSED BY SOME NATIONS AGAINST THE NATIONS OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD AND PARTICULARLY AGAINST US WAS ILL-ADVISED. ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC STABILITY ARE FAR REACHING. I SHARE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STATED VIEW THAT FAILURE TO END THE EMBARGO IN A REASONABLE TIME WOULD BE HIGHLY INAPPROPRIATE AND WOULD RAISE SERIOUS QUESTIONS OF CONFIDENCE WITH RESPECT TO THE NATIONS WITH WHOM WE HAVE DEALT ON THIS ISSUE..



MEANWHILE, WE MUST PROCEED WITH OUR OWN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT. EXPLOITATION OF DOMESTIC PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS POTENTIALITIES, ALONG WITH NUCLEAR, SOLAR, GEOTHERMAL, AND NON-FOSSIL FUELS IS VITAL. WE WILL NEVER AGAIN PERMIT ANY FOREIGN NATION TO HAVE UNCLE SAM OVER A BARREL OF OIL.



COOPERATION BY CONSUMERS HAS REDUCED ENERGY DEMANDS TO THE POINT WHERE WE WILL GET THROUGH THE WINTER WITHOUT SERIOUS HARDSHIP IN AMERICAN HOMES. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEFER GASOLINE RATIONING AND HOPE WE WILL BE ABLE TO AVOID IT ENTIRELY. BUT THIS DEPENDS ON CONTINUED CONSERVATION BY THE PUBLIC AND INDUSTRY.



WHILE I AM MORE OPTIMISTIC NOW ABOUT
A ~~E~~ LIFTING OF THE ARAB EMBARGO, EVEN THIS
WILL NOT SOLVE THE BASIC SHORTAGE. OUR
AMERICAN LIVING STANDARD CONTINUES TO
IMPROVE WITH AN EVER-EXPANDING NEED FOR
ENERGY.



PRESIDENT NIXON HAS INVITED OTHER OIL-CONSUMING NATIONS TO MEET IN WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH TO DISCUSS THE ENERGY SHORTAGE. CONTROL OF INFLATION IS LINKED WITH THE PRICE OF OIL. THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID THAT THE ENERGY SHORTAGE "THREATENS TO UNLEASH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FORCES THAT COULD CAUSE SEVERE AND IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF THE WORLD."



AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, IT IS
PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING THAT PEACE IS
BECOMING POPULAR. A FIRST STEP TOWARD
A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN TAKEN
IN THE AGREEMENT ON MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT.



A LOGICAL NEXT STEP WOULD INVOLVE
DISENGAGEMENT ALONG THE SYRIAN-ISAELI LINES.
ANY SUCH MOVE, OF COURSE, WOULD ALSO HAVE
TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF ISRAELI PRISONERS
OF WAR. I RECALL ALL TOO VIVIDLY THE
TORMENT OF AMERICANS OVER THE UNKNOWN
FATE OF OUR P.O.W.'S IN NORTH VIETNAM.



SECRETARY KISSINGER JUDGED VERY
ASTUTELY THE MOMENT WHEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL
WERE EQUALLY READY TO GO FROM A STATE OF
PERMANENT HOSTILITY TO A STATE OF POSSIBLE
ACCOMMODATION. HE CONVERTED THAT READINESS
INTO A FORMULA THAT BOTH COUNTRIES COULD
ACCEPT. WE PRAY THAT THIS CAN NOW LIKEWISE
BE DONE WITH REGARD TO THE CONFRONTATION
ON THE SYRIAN-ISRAELI FRONT.



A PROCESS OF AWAKENING HAS STARTED IN THE REGION WHERE FEAR AND DEATH HAVE STALKED FRONTIERS FOR OVER A QUARTER OF A CENTURY. IT HAS COME AT A TERRIBLE COST. THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO WORK IN EVERY WAY TO ENCOURAGE A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES. IT IS MY FERVENT HOPE THAT FROM SUCH A PEACE WILL FLOW A SPIRIT OF GREATER COOPERATION NOT ONLY BETWEEN THE ARABS AND ISRAELIS BUT AMONG ALL PEOPLES.



OUR ENEMIES ARE NOT OTHER NATIONS
OR GROUPS OF HUMANITY DIFFERENT FROM
OURSELVES. OUR ENEMIES ARE HUNGER, DISEASE,
POVERTY, IGNORANCE, HOPELESSNESS, FEAR,
AND HATRED. OUR GREAT CHALLENGE IS NOT
IN MILITARY CONFRONTATION BUT IN HARNESSING
THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND INDUSTRIAL GENIUS
OF HUMANITY TO ASSURE BETTER LIVES FOR ALL
AMERICANS AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY OF MAN.



A JEWISH SAGE MADE THE BEAUTIFUL PROPHECY THAT ISRAEL WILL BE REBUILT ONLY THROUGH PEACE. THIS APPLIES TO THE ARAB STATES AND TO OUR OWN COUNTRY AS WELL.

THE GREAT RELIGIONS OF THE WESTERN WORLD, CHRISTIANITY AND JUDAISM, EMERGED IN THAT HOLY LAND WHICH IS AT LONG LAST ON THE THRESHOLD OF PEACE. THAT LAND IS ALSO SACRED TO THE BELIEVERS IN THE KORAN, THE FAITH OF ISLAM. ALL OF US -- CHRISTIAN, JEW, AND MOSLEM -- SHARE THE SAME SUPREME CREATOR.



IN THAT SPIRIT, I PRAY THAT GOD WILL
BLESS OUR COUNTRY, THAT IT MAY EVER BE A
STRONGHOLD OF PEACE, AND ITS ADVOCATE IN
THE COUNCIL OF NATIONS. MAY HE STRENGTHEN
THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP
AMONG THE INHABITANTS OF ALL LANDS.



INTRODUCTION FOR B'NAI B'RITH SPEECH.

~~It is a distinct honor~~

You have honored me with your invitation to come to ~~Palox~~ Florida to speak to ~~speaking of the Anti-~~

~~Defamation League~~

the Executive Committee of the Anti-Defamation League, of B'nai B'rith. I have

long admired the ~~dedication and~~ energy, dedication and Commitment of B'nai B'rith.

It is a pleasure to spend some time with you, though I regret that time has to be

~~It was most thoughtful of you to ask me to participate in your meeting here today~~

so limited. But I'm glad I did get a chance to meet many of you in person in the Garden.

~~It is especially appreciative of the fact that you are holding the meeting in Florida, Mexico~~

That made me especially appreciative of the fact that you are holding this meeting in

~~setting some kind of record for dank, dismal, rainy and foggy weather around the~~

~~was~~

~~Washington. It is good to see the sun again as we come into Palox Beach~~

Florida. We're setting some kind of record for dank, dismal, a rainy and foggy weather

in Washington this winter. It's good to see and feel the sun again, if only for

a short time.



ADDRESS OF VICE PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD BEFORE THE ANTI-
DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF THE B'NAI B'RITH, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA.

B' RITH.

ADDRESS OF VICE PRESIDENT FORD



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Today I want to talk about peace.

It was with a dream of peace that Albert Einstein came to America from Germany. Einstein brought more than the genius that introduced the nuclear age. He also brought the insight that we must evolve a new consciousness in which all mankind ascends to higher levels of human compassion, imagination, and cooperation.

Einstein said that peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding .

Another visionary came to the United States from Germany. He is Henry Kissinger, whose diplomatic skills ^{helping to} are bringing fulfillment to Albert Einstein's dream .

As Kissinger flew back and forth between Israel and Egypt, people joked about how much ^{jet fuel} aviation gasoline he was using. But the shuttle flights of Kissinger's Air Force 707 may be followed by a glorious day in the not too distant future when Israel's El Al Airline provides direct service to Egypt --- and the Egyptian airline offers flights to the new Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv.

This is premature at this stage

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There were those whose eyebrows lifted in surprise--yes even skepticism--when President Nixon announced that ~~himself~~ Henry Kissinger as his choice for the Secretary of State's office. The doubters wondered whether the office ~~was~~ ^{might} ~~be~~ limit the marvelous persuasive powers which ~~he~~ had opened the long-closed door to China and accomplished other major changes in ~~and~~ the way we looked at the world and in the way the world looked at us.

^{now} But I think it is obvious even to those ^{skeptics} ~~skeptics~~ that the ~~President's~~ President's action strengthened, rather than weakened Henry Kissinger's ~~influence~~ influence on diplomacy. ~~Henry Kissinger's State Department role in foreign policy~~

~~that for our example, President Nixon's role in foreign policy~~
Now, Henry Kissinger speaks as the Chief Foreign Policy officer for our government, with the full weight of the Presidency ~~behind~~ behind him.

This, I believe, was a ~~major~~ ^{positive} positive factor in ~~the~~ successful effort to achieve a settlement in the Middle East.





But before going into more detail about the remarkable diplomacy of Henry Kissinger, I want to refer to the President who established the policies that the Secretary of State implemented. So much attention has been focused on controversial events in Washington I fear we are losing sight of the Nixon Administration's creative relationship ^{with} to the rest of the world .

The fact is that President Nixon's Middle East policy is a study in credibility, integrity, and consistency. The President's 1968 address before the B'nai B'rith organization clearly outlined his view of ^{the} Arab-Israeli impasse, his commitments, and his visionary concept of the dangers and hopeful possibilities for that vital region .

The Nixon doctrine emerged in 1969. It was a concept of the world that would lead America to listen more and lecture less, inclining us toward partnership rather than paternalism. The State of Israel was concerned at that time lest unilateral concessions be demanded of her and an arbitrary settlement ~~be~~ imposed . The President pledged that the United States would only use its good offices to assist the parties to the conflict to fashion their own settlement. He kept his word.

Mr. Nixon made a commitment to help Israel maintain an arms balance to provide the necessary defense capability. He was mindful of the massive flow of Soviet arms to Egypt and Syria. He kept his word .

There was no credibility gap when the U.S. Air Force rushed transport after transport loaded with arms to Israel ^{and} during ^{October} after the Yom Kippur war. This was done to replace Israeli losses ^{in the face of the heavy shipments of Soviet arms to the area.} and maintain the balance. To finance the airlift and other assistance, the Administration sponsored ~~an~~ \$2.2 billion emergency aid bill. Mr. Nixon kept his word.

The President was forced to order a ~~brief but absolutely necessary~~ ^{and the possibility of unilateral} military alert in October to ~~deter~~ the direct intervention ^{by} of an outside power in the Middle East conflict. ^{> But there was no question that the alert was necessary and} Some in Washington saw a credibility gap. [^] But there was no credibility gap in the nations directly concerned. They knew what was happening. Again, the President was consistent with our stated policies.

In recent years there was great concern over the plight of Soviet Jewish citizens who wanted to emigrate to Israel. President Nixon said he would intercede. He did. There is no credibility gap among the many thousands of Soviet Jews who ^{continue to find} ~~have now found~~ new homes in Israel.

Secretary Kissinger's recent mission ^{projected from} ~~succeeded because~~ of the new climate that exists in the world. This is the climate that ensued from the President's historic initiatives in visiting Moscow and Peking ^{and from the understandings reached there and in subsequent exchanges}. This is the climate that flows from the President's extrication ^{ing} of our nation from the war in Vietnam, his termination ^{ing} of the draft, and other accomplishments.



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is better
left un-
spoken

U.S. government
tacitly

Americans

in the past, the

Few are aware that previous U.S. administrations discriminated on religious grounds by screening out Jews from assignment to our embassies in Arab states. We refused to send even a Jewish clerk-typist to our embassy in Egypt, believing that the Egyptians might be offended. President Nixon sent Henry Kissinger --- ^{the} and Egyptian President ~~Sadat~~ actually kissed our Secretary of State on both cheeks !

I am ~~deeply~~ ^{Israeli} convinced that prejudice and hatred between Arab and Jew can be transcended just as we have moved forward in our ^{own} relations with the People's Republic of China. Accordingly, we look toward the continued momentum of Arab-Israeli settlement. Both sides now have much to gain by not permitting the situation to stagnate where it is ~~but~~ to ~~translate~~ ^{it} into ~~an escalating peace settlement~~ ^{steady progress toward further agreements} encompassing the remaining

issues ^{and resulting in a just and durable peace in the Middle East.}

This is a test for the parties directly involved ^{all powers with interests in the area and, in addition, for} as well as for the United Nations forces entrusted with peacekeeping ^{on behalf of the parties and the world community}

Secretary Kissinger's handiwork has relieved a dangerous global pressure point. The Israeli and Egyptian forces are ~~being~~ ^{disengaging themselves,} physically ~~separated~~ with the U.N. forces in between acting as a buffer. ^{Each side now has the opportunity to carry out} ~~The future intentions of both sides can~~ ^{this agreement in such a manner as to instill confidence in the} ~~now be observed on the basis of deeds rather than words.~~

other side that agreements between them can succeed and can contribute to the building of peace



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large All the credit does not belong to American diplomacy. ~~The~~ *a*
~~major~~ share accrues to ^{the} courage ~~and~~ ^{and vision of leaders in} goodwill of both Egypt and Israel.

I salute the statesmanship of President Sadat (SAH-DOT) of Egypt and Prime Minister Golda Meir (MAY-EAR) of Israel.

Secretary Kissinger's genius was in narrowing the distance between the parties without imposing a formula from outside. He acted, ~~in effect, as~~ *as a go-between for the two* attorney for both sides. This is far better than coercion. It enhances America's moral standing with both parties, increases our influence, and ~~decreases~~ ^{decreases} the chances of American military embroilment.

I wish to reaffirm that Israel will not be expected to negotiate from a position of weakness. We are continuing our policy of appropriate arms supply to Israel ~~to maintain a balance~~. We are carefully observing developments to ascertain that ^{reduplication of} Israeli troops ~~withdrawal~~ ^{lessens the chances for a} strengthens the mutual desire to pursue peace and ~~does not tempt some ill-advised~~ ^{does not tempt some ill-advised} renewal of hostilities.

We are continuing to work with the Soviet Union in efforts to minimize regional friction.

We have felt that
There was no justification for the oil embargo imposed *by some nations*
~~the nations of the industrialized world and particularly against us~~ *against us was ill-advised*
against us. Now, with the movement of Israeli troops back *its implications for the world's economic stability are far reaching*
~~across the Suez Canal, there is even less excuse.~~ I share

Secretary Kissinger's stated view that failure to end the embargo in a reasonable time would be highly inappropriate and would raise serious questions of confidence with respect to the ~~Arab~~ nations with whom we have dealt on this issue ..



I cannot tell the Arab states what to do with the massive dollar funds they are accumulating by the sale of high-priced oil. ^{But I would} hope this money would not go for more sophisticated weaponry but for re-opening of a modernized Suez Canal, regional reconstruction, agricultural and industrial development. We would place no embargo on any technical know-how or equipment required in such Arab development programs.

Meanwhile, we must proceed with our ^{OWN} energy development. Exploitation of ~~our own~~ domestic petroleum and natural gas potentialities, along with nuclear, solar, geothermal, and non-fossil fuels is vital. ~~The American people~~ ^{WE} will ^{never again} ~~not~~ permit any foreign nation to have Uncle Sam over a barrel of oil.

← Cooperation by consumers has reduced energy demands to the point where we will get through the winter without serious ^{hardship} discomfort in American homes. We have been able to defer gasoline rationing and ^{hope we will} ~~might~~ be able to avoid it entirely. But this depends on continued conservation by the public and industry

^{am ~~not~~ more optimistic now about a} while I ~~look forward to~~ a lifting of the Arab embargo,

~~But~~ even this will not solve the basic shortage. Our ^{American} living standard continues to improve with an ever-expanding need for energy.

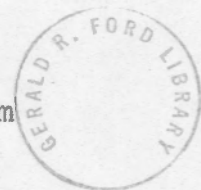


President Nixon has invited other oil-consuming nations to meet in Washington next month to discuss the energy shortage. Control of inflation is linked with the price of oil. The President has said that the energy shortage "threatens to unleash political and economic forces that could cause severe and irreparable damage to the prosperity and stability of the world."

Against this background, it is particularly encouraging that peace is becoming popular. ~~Perhaps the Arab states will move from their unity in military alliance against Israel to unity in problem solving and peace making.~~ *Toward a permanent settlement in the agreement on* A first step has been taken ~~to convert~~ military disengagement, ~~into a permanent settlement.~~

A logical next step would involve disengagement along the Syrian-Israel lines. *Any such move, of course, could* ~~that Syria would establish a better atmosphere by providing a list of Israeli prisoners of war, and permitting Red Cross inspection of prison camps.~~ *would also have to address the issue* I recall all too vividly the torment of Americans over the unknown fate of our P.O.W.'s in North Vietnam.

Secretary Kissinger judged very astutely the moment when Egypt and Israel were equally ready to go from a state of permanent hostility to a state of possible accommodation. He converted that readiness into a formula that both countries could accept. *This* We pray that ~~he~~ can now *be done with regard to the confrontation on* do likewise, ~~in the Syrian-Israeli impasse~~ *front.*



Embargo already discussed

I We have every reason to believe that our success in achieving the Egyptian-Israeli disengagement ^{will be} ~~is~~ a major factor in ending the oil embargo. Israel has showed good faith by removing mines and rolling ^{TROOPS} back ahead of schedule. We would welcome a similar display of good faith by those who control the oil embargo. ?

A process of awakening has started in the region where ^{Scars} death ~~and terror~~ stalked frontiers for over a quarter of a century. It has come at a terrible cost. The United States will continue to ^{work in every way to} lend great emphasis to our ~~policy of encouraging~~ ^{a permanent} settlement acceptable to both sides. It is ^{my} ~~our~~ fervent hope that from such a peace will flow a spirit of greater cooperation not only between the Arabs and Israelis but among all peoples..



Our enemies are not other nations or groups of humanity different from ourselves. Our enemies are hunger, disease, poverty, ignorance, hopelessness, fear, and hatred. Our great challenge is not in military confrontation but in harnessing the natural resources and industrial genius of humanity to assure better lives for all Americans and the entire ~~human species~~. *family of man*

A Jewish sage made the beautiful prophecy that Israel will be rebuilt only through peace. This applies to the Arab states and to our own country as well.

The great religions of the Western world, Christianity and Judaism, emerged in that ^{holy} ~~holy~~ land ^{which} ~~which~~ is at long last on the threshold of peace. That land is also sacred to the believers in the Koran, the faith of Islam. All of us --- Christian, Jew, and Moslem, share the same the same supreme creator.

In that spirit, I pray that God ^{will} bless our country, that it may ever be a stronghold of peace, and its advocate in the council of nations. May He strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship among the inhabitants of all lands.



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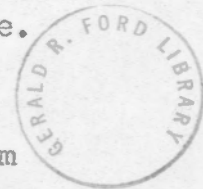
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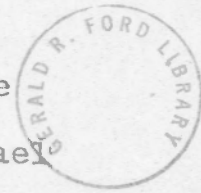


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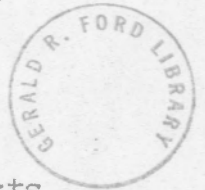
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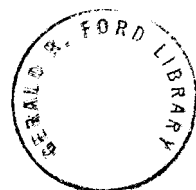
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