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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, NEW YORK CITY,
NEW YORK, MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1970.
10.30 A.M.

THE REASON FOR THIS MEETING IS
OBVIOUS. THIS IS A TIME FOR ACTION. [WE
HAVE HEARD ENOUGH RHETORIC.]

CHILDREN ARE DYING IN ISRAEL.
THEY ARE BEING KILLED BY SOVIET ROCKETS
IN THE HANDS OF ARABS WHO ARE EMULATING
THE VIET CONG AND THE COMMUNISTS OF
NORTH VIETNAM.

WHAT IS MY JUSTIFICATION FOR
STATING THAT THE ARAB EXTREMISTS ARE
ADOPTING VIET CONG TERRORIST TACTICS?
I CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO A RECENT VISIT
TO HANOI BY A DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE
TOP LEADERSHIP OF THE AL FATAH ARAB
GUERRILLA MOVEMENT. THE ARABS WERE
INVITED BY GEN. GIAP, THE MILITARY LEADER



OF NORTH VIETNAM.

A TEXT OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PUBLISHED BY THE ARABS AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. GEN. GIAP TOLD THE ARABS, "WE FIGHT TOGETHER;" AND HE ADDED, "YOU ARE RIGHT TO CLEAR THE GROUND OF ITS ISRAELI FORCES AND BLOW UP THEIR HOUSES AND LIQUIDATE THEIR PRESENCE." THAT WAS HANOI'S ADVICE TO THE ARABS.

THE HANOI MEETING WAS FOLLOWED BY THE RETURN OF THE ARAB GUERRILLA LEADERS TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOME VERY TERRIBLE EVENTS. A SCHOOL BUS WAS AMBUSHED. ROCKETS WERE FIRED INTO SCHOOL HOUSES. MANY CHILDREN WERE KILLED.

[OTHERS LAY MAIMED IN HOSPITALS.]


GEN. GIAP EQUATED THE ISRAELIS WITH THE AMERICANS. HE WANTED TOTAL DEFEAT IMPOSED UPON BOTH. HE PREDICTED THAT "THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION WILL

TRIUMPH LIKE THE VIETNAMESE REVOLUTION."

ARAFAT, THE LEADER OF THE
ROCKETEERS WHO AIM AT ISRAELI SCHOOL
HOUSES, TOLD HIS VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST
HOSTS THAT THE ARABS HAD "BENEFITTED A
GREAT DEAL FROM THE TACTICS OF CHAIRMAN
HO CHI MINH."

GEN. GIAP VOICED PLEASURE THAT
ARAB "GUERRILLA WARFARE IS DEVELOPING AND
YOU HAVE SCORED BIG VICTORIES."


GEN. GIAP IS PRAISED BY A FEW
OF OUR AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS FOR
HIS SO-CALLED HEROISM. HE NOW TELLS THE
ARABS THAT "ANY METHOD WHICH CAN ACHIEVE
YOUR VICTORY IS A GOOD METHOD." "WE FIGHT
WITH MILITARY MEANS. THIS IS THE MAIN FORM
OF FIGHTING, BUT SIMULTANEOUSLY WE FIGHT
BY POLITICAL MEANS." HE ADDED THAT
"CHAIRMAN HO CHI MINH HAS SAID: 'WE MUST
DEPEND FIRST ON OUR OWN POWER AND THEN ON



THE SUPPORT AND THE BACKING OF THE
PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN THE WORLD.' "


GEN. GIAP WENT ON TO EXPRESS
UNQUALIFIED ADMIRATION FOR "THE FIGHTING
SPIRIT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THE
ARAB PEOPLE, AND OUR UNRESERVED SUPPORT
FOR YOUR STRUGGLE." HE VOICED CONFIDENCE
THAT THE ARABS WOULD DESTROY ISRAEL IN THE
SO-CALLED "LIBERATION STRUGGLE."

I COULD NOT HELP BUT THINK OF
THE KILLING OF ISRAELI CHILDREN WHEN THE
PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THE CAPTURE OF SO MUCH
ENEMY WEAPONRY IN CAMBODIA. I COULD NOT
HELP BUT THINK THAT A RUSSIAN-MADE OR
CHINESE-MADE ROCKET OR MINE OR MORTAR OR
ARTILLERY PIECE CAPTURED BY OUR TROOPS
DIMINISHES THE STOCKPILES FROM WHICH THE
COMMUNISTS SUPPLY THE RADICAL ARAB FORCES.
WHEN RUSSIA AND CHINA DIG INTO THEIR
ARMS STOCKPILES TO MAKE UP HANOI'S WEAPON



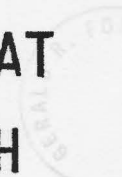
LOSSES, THEY OBVIOUSLY WILL HAVE FEWER NEW ARMS TO SEND TO THE ARABS. IF THE LIFE OF A SINGLE ISRAELI CHILD IS SPARED, HOWEVER INDIRECTLY, BY THE IMPACT WE HAVE HAD UPON COMMUNIST ARMS STOCKPILES AND REPLACEMENT SHIPMENTS TO VARIOUS TERRORISTS FORCES OF THE WORLD, I WOULD BE EVEN MORE APPRECIATIVE OF THE HEROISM OF OUR BRAVE SOLDIERS.

LET ME SAY A WORD ABOUT THE WAR IN VIETNAM AND THE PACIFIST-ISOLATIONIST SENTIMENT IN OUR NATION TODAY. THERE IS A GRAVE DANGER INHERENT IN THE AMENDMENTS PENDING BEFORE THE SENATE TO RESTRICT THE ABILITY OF OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO RESPOND TO WORLDWIDE COMMUNIST THREATS AND INVOLVEMENTS. THERE ARE SOME WHO WOULD BAR THE USE OF AMERICAN FORCES UNLESS THERE IS A DIRECT ENEMY ATTACK ON AMERICAN UNITS OR THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES.



POSSIBLE AGGRESSORS WOULD BE ASSURED, UNDER SOME NEW CONCEPTS ADVANCED IN CONGRESS -- ASSURED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD NEVER USE ITS FORCES UNDER SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT WE WOULD BE INHIBITED, RESTRICTED, AND RESTRAINED. I HAVE NOT HEARD OF THE SOVIET UNION ENACTING ANY SUCH AMENDMENTS. I HAVE HEARD OF THEM PUSHING DANGEROUSLY INTO THE MIDDLE EAST AND LANDING MISSILE TROOPS AND AIR SQUADRONS IN EGYPT.

WE MUST NOT CIRCUMSCRIBE THE DIPLOMATIC INFLUENCE OF THE PRESIDENT IN SEEKING TO DETER AGGRESSION. LET US CONSIDER THE SOVIET MILITARY MOVEMENT INTO EGYPT, THE ACTUAL PRESENCE OF COMBAT-READY RUSSIAN FORCES ON THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA, A NEW "AFRIKA CORPS" ONLY A QUARTER-CENTURY AFTER THE DEFEAT OF THE GERMAN NAZIS OF ROMMEL IN NORTH



AFRICA. THERE ARE GRIM IMPLICATIONS FOR ISRAEL. BUT I ALSO DISCERN A SITUATION VITALLY AFFECTING THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUST AS WE HAVE NOT WRITTEN OFF ISRAEL, WE HAVE NOT WRITTEN OFF THE MIDDLE EAST. EVEN THOUGH WE ARE STILL INVOLVED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, EVEN THOUGH AN ANTI-MILITARY MOOD EXISTS AT HOME, EVEN THOUGH THERE IS DIVISION AMONG OUR PEOPLE -- LET THE COMMUNISTS NOT MISCALCULATE. LET THEM NOT PUSH US TOO HARD.

THE COMMUNISTS MAY LEARN THAT THEY HAVE NEITHER ISOLATED NOR NEUTRALIZED THE UNITED STATES. IN THE MIDDLE EAST, BY GIVING MILITARY SUPPORT TO THE ARAB CAUSE, MOSCOW IS SEEKING TO REPLACE THE UNITED STATES AS THE DOMINANT POWER IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. MOSCOW HAS DEMANDED THAT THE UNITED STATES SIXTH FLEET

LEAVE THE MEDITERRANEAN. WE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY MOVE TO STRENGTHEN OUR FLEET. THAT IS THE BEST ANSWER.

THE SOVIET GAME IN EGYPT FAR TRANSCENDS THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. THE RUSSIANS ARE FISHING IN THOSE TROUBLED WATERS TO UNDERMINE THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF NATO, DOMINATE THE MEDITERRANEAN, AND SPREAD COMMUNIST INFLUENCE FROM THE INDIAN OCEAN TO THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.

LET ME STATE ONE CONVICTION VERY SIMPLY. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE FATE OF ISRAEL IS LINKED WITH THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES.

AMERICANS OF JEWISH FAITH FEEL VERY PERSONAL AND HUMAN AND UNDERSTANDABLE TIES WITH THE STATE OF ISRAEL. BUT MILLIONS OF OTHER AMERICANS ALSO CAN IDENTIFY WITH THE ISRAELIS AND WITH THEIR DEDICATION TO FREEDOM AND SURVIVAL AS A




NATION. THERE ARE SOME VERY INSTRUCTIVE LESSONS THAT AMERICANS OF ALL FAITHS COULD LEARN FROM THE ISRAELIS.

BUT I DID NOT COME HERE TODAY TO COMPLIMENT THE ISRAELIS. THEIR COURAGE PROVIDES ITS OWN COMMENTARY. I CAME TO ASSURE YOU THAT ACTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN.

I AM FREE TO SPEAK ONLY OF MY OWN INITIATIVE AND MY OWN ACTION. TODAY I CAN DISCLOSE THAT ON JUNE 2 I SENT A PERSONAL LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON.

I STATED THAT IN VIEW OF THE DANGEROUS AND AGGRESSIVE ESCALATION OF THE CRISIS APPARENT IN THE INTRUSION OF SOVIET COMBAT PILOTS AND MISSILE BATTALIONS INTO EGYPT, A NEW SENSE OF URGENCY HAS DEVELOPED AMONG MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THE NECESSITY FOR ^{from} A MEASURED AMERICAN RESPONSE.



IT WAS MY OWN BELIEF, SHARED BY A MAJORITY OF MY COLLEAGUES, THAT THE TIME HAD COME FOR THE UNITED STATES TO APPROVE THE SALE OF THE ADDITIONAL PHANTOM AND SKYHAWK AIRCRAFT SOUGHT BY ISRAEL.

THE FAILURE TO PROVIDE THESE JETS MAY HAVE DISASTROUS RESULTS. MY LETTER POINTED OUT THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS IGNORED OUR RESTRAINT AND INCREASED ITS OWN INVOLVEMENT IN A VOLATILE SITUATION.

WE MUST REDRESS THE BALANCE BY PROVIDING THE JETS TO ISRAEL. THIS WOULD REASSURE OUR FRIENDS AND PREVENT OUR ENEMIES FROM MISCALCULATING.


face IF WE DISPLAY INHIBITION IN THE FACT OF SOVIET MILITARY PENETRATION, THE RUSSIANS WILL PRESS MORE VIGOROUSLY THEIR DRIVE TO PENETRATE THE MIDDLE EAST AND MEDITERRANEAN. WE COULD ANTICIPATE GREATER ARAB BELLIGERENCE THROUGH



INCREASED COMMITMENT OF CONVENTIONAL
AND GUERRILLA FORCES.

THE PRESIDENT IS AWARE THAT AN
INTOLERABLE SITUATION WILL DEVELOP IF
THE SOVIET AIR FORCE PROVIDES EGYPT WITH
A PRIVILEGED SANCTUARY FROM WHICH TO SALLY
FORTH ACROSS THE SUEZ CANAL WITH COMMANDO
RAIDS, AIR RAIDS, ARTILLERY BARRAGES, AND
AMPHIBIOUS ATTACKS. SOVIET PLANES AND
PILOTS INTRUDING ON THE UNITED NATIONS
CEASE FIRE ZONE ALONG THE SUEZ CANAL ADD
A DANGEROUS NEW DIMENSION TO THE MIDDLE
EAST CONFLICT.

THERE ARE COMPELLING REASONS TO
BOLSTER ISRAEL IN SUCH MANNER AS TO MAKE
THE RUSSIANS THINK TWICE BEFORE TACKLING
THE VALIANT ISRAELI AIR FORCE. I ALSO AM
CONVINCED THERE IS DANGER OF A MOOD OF
DESPERATION IN ISRAEL, BORN OF A SENSE OF
ABANDONMENT, THAT MIGHT LEAD THE ISRAELIS



TO LAUNCH PRE-EMPTIVE OPERATIONS THAT COULD BRING ABOUT OPEN HOSTILITIES WITH SOVIET MILITARY FORCES.

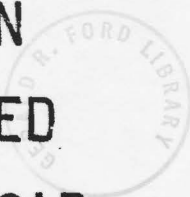
THE PRESIDENT IS AWARE THAT, UNLIKE SOME OTHER NATIONS MENACED BY COMMUNISM, ISRAEL HAS NOT ASKED FOR AMERICAN MANPOWER. IF THE ISRAELIS ARE WILLING TO STAND UP FOR THEIR OWN SURVIVAL, WE MUST AT LEAST PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ARMS.

IT WAS MY FEELING THAT ASSURANCE OF CONTINUITY IN THE SUPPLY OF PHANTOM JETS [AND OTHER ARMS] TO ISRAEL WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE PRESIDENT'S COURAGEOUS PUBLIC REMARKS OF APRIL 30 ON THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION. THE CHIPS ARE DOWN IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE MUST ACT TO RETAIN CREDIBILITY AMONG FRIENDS AND FOES. WE MUST DETER THE SOVIET UNION FROM ITS NEW BRINKMANSHIP WHICH SEEKS TO EXPLOIT OUR

OUR PRESENT CONCERNS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.
WE MUST LET THE RUSSIANS KNOW THAT
NEO-ISOLATIONISM AND PACIFICISM ARE NOT
YET ^{sufficiently strong} ~~SUCH~~ AMONG AMERICANS THAT COMMUNISM
HAS OUR INVITATION TO SUBJUGATE THE FREE
WORLD.

IT WOULD BE A VERY TIMELY MOVE
FOR THE PRESIDENT NOT ONLY TO APPROVE
THE PENDING ARMS LIST FOR ISRAEL BUT ALSO
TO SEND A SPECIAL ^{Blue Ribbon} COMMISSION, [MADE UP OF
APPROPRIATE PERSONS] TO THE MIDDLE EAST
TO ASSESS THE DEVELOPING DANGER CREATED
BY THE SOVIET ESCALATION. THE COMMISSION
SHOULD INCLUDE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS,
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, AND PERSONS FROM
OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT. IT WOULD SUGGEST
TO THE RUSSIANS THE GRAVITY OF OUR CONCERN.


ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER DAYAN
RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT ISRAEL HAD HALTED
DEEP PENETRATION RAIDS INTO EGYPT TO AVOID



POSSIBLE CLASHED WITH SOVIET FORCES. HE ASSERTED READINESS TO RE-ESTABLISH AN UNCONDITIONAL AND UNLIMITED CEASE-FIRE.

THE ONLY RESPONSE FROM THE ARABS HAS BEEN A DRASTIC INCREASE IN ATTACKS AS THE RUSSIANS SCREEN EGYPT WITH A PROTECTIVE UMBRELLA. THE COMMITMENT OF RUSSIAN MILITARY FORCES CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED ON GROUNDS OF DEFENSE OF EGYPT. RUSSIAN INVOLVEMENT IS LINKED WITH THE MOUNTING ARAB CAMPAIGN TO LIQUIDATE ISRAEL. THE COMMITMENT OF RUSSIAN MILITARY FORCES IS A NEGATION OF SOVIET PRETENSIONS TO PEACE-MAKING. PILOTS, TROOPS, AND MISSILES ARE NO WAY TO REDUCE TENSIONS!


OUR GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 23 THAT ADDITIONAL JET SALES TO ISRAEL WOULD BE TEMPORARILY ^{suspended} HALTED. THE STATE DEPARTMENT INDICATED THAT THIS



RESTRAINT WAS REALLY A SIGNAL TO MOSCOW THAT THE UNITED STATES WANTED TO COOL DOWN THE ARMS RACE; WE WERE TAKING THE FIRST STEP SO THAT THE RUSSIANS WOULD KNOW OUR PEACEFUL INTENTIONS AND SIMILARLY EXERCISE RESTRAINT. WE ARE NOW WELL AWARE OF THE SOVIET RESPONSE.

WE ARE TRYING TO END ONE WAR UNDER CONDITIONS OF PEACE WITH HONOR. MOSCOW IS CYNICALLY ESCALATING ANOTHER WAR, INTRODUCING NEW ELEMENTS AND BRINGING TERRIBLE RISKS OF EXPANSION OF AN ALREADY TRAGIC CONFLICT.

WE CANNOT PERMIT A SITUATION IN WHICH THE RUSSIANS WOULD COVER BY THEIR OWN MILITARY FORCES THE UNRELENTING WAR OF ATTRITION BY THE ARABS AGAINST ISRAEL. THE RUSSIAN MILITARY POWER PLAY IS A MATTER OF GRAVE CONCERN. I USE THE WORDS "GRAVE CONCERN" WITH CAREFUL



DELIBERATION. PRESIDENT NIXON STATED ON FEBRUARY 18 THAT "THE UNITED STATES WOULD VIEW ANY EFFORT BY THE SOVIET UNION TO SEEK PREDOMINANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS A MATTER OF GRAVE CONCERN." HE WARNED AGAINST THE EXPLOITATION OF A LOCAL CONFLICT BY AN OUTSIDE POWER FOR ITS OWN ADVANTAGE. HE PLEDGED ARMS TO FRIENDLY STATES AS THE NEED ARISES. WE DELAYED ACTION TO OBTAIN A FIRST-HAND EXPLANATION FROM THE RUSSIANS OF THEIR INTENTIONS IN EGYPT. THE EXPLANATION WAS UNSATISFACTORY.

THE SO-CALLED PEACE MOVEMENTS OF THE WORLD ARE STILL CRYING HYSTERICALLY FOR U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM INDO-CHINA ALTHOUGH WE ARE ALREADY IN THE PROCESS OF WITHDRAWAL. I HAVE NOT YET HEARD THESE MOVEMENTS SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS FROM THE ARAB-ISRAELI BATTLE FRONT. SINCE WHEN ARE RUSSIAN




TROOPS PURELY DEFENSIVE WHILE AMERICANS ARE PURELY AGGRESSIVE?

I PLACE GREAT EMPHASIS ON THE NEED FOR FAST ACTION TO STRENGTHEN THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE. A STRONG AIRPOWER FACTOR WILL ALLOW ISRAEL TO MAINTAIN THAT NATION'S DEFENSE WITHOUT THE NEED FOR INVOLVEMENT OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL.

IF WE ALLOW THE SOVIET UNION, THROUGH BRUTAL APPLICATION OF ITS OWN MILITARY FORCES, TO CRUSH ISRAEL, IT WOULD MEAN THE END OF HOPE FOR ALL FREE NATIONS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AND EVEN WESTERN EUROPE. [IT WOULD MEAN THE END OF THE UNITED STATES AS A SYMBOL OF FREEDOM.]

ISRAEL IS AN ASSET TO AMERICA, NOT A LIABILITY. THE RUSSIAN TARGET TODAY IS THE AIRCRAFT OF ISRAEL. TOMORROW THE TARGET OF THE NEW SOVIET EGYPTIAN AIR BASES MAY BE THE U.S. SIXTH FLEET. MOSCOW



IS CONVERTING EGYPT INTO AN UNSINKABLE AIRCRAFT CARRIER.

PRESIDENT NIXON UNDERSTANDS THE NEED TO PRESERVE FREEDOM IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE POINTED OUT THAT ISRAEL'S ENEMIES CAN AFFORD TO FIGHT A WAR AND LOSE. THEY CAN COME BACK TO FIGHT AGAIN. BUT ISRAEL CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE EVEN ONCE.

PRESIDENT NIXON SAID, "AMERICA KNOWS THAT, AND AMERICA IS DETERMINED THAT ISRAEL IS HERE IN THE FAMILY OF NATIONS TO STAY."

THE REAL INTERESTS OF ARABS AND ISRAELIS, OF RUSSIANS AND AMERICANS, REQUIRE PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO PEACEFUL AND HONORABLE DEALINGS WITH ALL MEN, AT HOME AND ABROAD. WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN AS MEN OF CONSCIENCE AND INTEGRITY, TO PROMOTE PEACE.

AND IN ISRAEL, THAT LAND WHERE

THE PROPHETS DREAMED THAT NATION SHOULD NOT LIFT UP SWORD AGAINST NATION, LET THERE BE PEACE.

FOR ISRAEL, A NATION OF PEOPLE WHOSE SUFFERING MERITS A LIFE MORE CREATIVE THAN PERPETUAL SERVICE IN AN ARMED CAMP, LET THERE BE PEACE. FOR THE ARABS, WHOSE POVERTY AND FRUSTRATION REQUIRE SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS AND A DECENT LIFE RATHER THAN THE ENDLESS PURCHASE OF JETS AND GUNS, LET THERE BE PEACE.

ISRAEL COULD BE A LIGHT UNTO THE NATIONS OF THAT REGION IF THE ARABS WOULD ACCEPT FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS OF THE JEWISH FAITH AS ENTITLED TO NATIONHOOD AS ANY OTHER PEOPLE. THE GENIUS AND PRODUCTIVITY OF THE ISRAELIS COULD HELP OTHERS MAKE THEIR DESERTS BLOSSOM.

INSTEAD OF THE CRADLE OF CIVILIZATION BECOMING ITS GRAVE, LET THE



CRADLE OF CIVILIZATION GIVE RISE TO TWO PEOPLES, ARAB AND JEWISH, EACH IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES, WITH COMMERCE AND TRAVEL FLOWING ACROSS PEACEFUL BORDERS, AND WITH A NEW SENSE OF MUTUAL RESPECT IN KEEPING WITH OUR DREAM OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN UNDER THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD.

I WANT TO ADD A SPECIAL AND VERY PERSONAL WORD TO THIS AUDIENCE. MANY OF YOU HAVE DEVOTED YOUR LIVES TO THE ISRAELI CAUSE. YOU HAVE SEEN IN ISRAEL A REDEMPTION OF FREEDOM AND HUMAN DIGNITY, THE REBIRTH OF A PEOPLE. BUT WE ARE NOW WITNESSING PAINFUL DAYS, TRAGIC DAYS, IN WHICH THE POWERS AND POLITICAL TRENDS AND PRESSURES OF THE WORLD APPEAR TO BE CONVERGING ON THE MIDDLE EAST.


ISRAEL WAS REBORN IN BLOOD AND FIRE. ISRAEL IS TODAY STRUGGLING IN AN ORDEAL OF BLOOD AND FIRE. BUT THIS TIME

IT IS DIFFERENT. THE STATE OF ISRAEL HAS PROVED ITS METTLE. ISRAEL IS A NATION AMONG THE NATIONS.

YOU CAN TAKE PRIDE, AS DEDICATED SUPPORTERS OF ISRAEL, IN THE NATION YOU HAVE HELPED BUILD. BUT THE WATCHMAN OF ISRAEL DOES NOT SLEEP.

TRYING DAYS LIE AHEAD. YET, IN YOUR HEART OF HEARTS, YOU CAN DRAW FAITH AND SUSTENANCE AND REASSURANCE FROM ONE FACT: THIS IS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THIS IS OUR COUNTRY AND WE, JEWS AND NON-JEWS, PEOPLES OF ALL PARTS OF THIS COUNTRY, THE SILENT AMERICANS AND THE ARTICULATE AMERICANS, WILL NOT LET ISRAEL DOWN.

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REPUBLICAN LEADER, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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The reason for this meeting is obvious. This is a time for action. We have heard enough rhetoric.

Children are dying in Israel. They are being killed by Soviet rockets in the hands of Arabs who are emulating the Viet Cong and the Communists of North Vietnam.

What is my justification for stating that the Arab extremists are adopting Viet Cong terrorist tactics? I call your attention to a recent visit to Hanoi by a delegation representing the top leadership of the Al Fatah Arab guerrilla movement. The Arabs were invited by Gen. Giap, the military leader of North Vietnam.

A text of the minutes of the meeting was subsequently published by the Arabs and the North Vietnamese. Gen. Giap told the Arabs, "We fight together;" and he added, "You are right to clear the ground of its Israeli forces and blow up their houses and liquidate their presence." That was Hanoi's advice to the Arabs.

The Hanoi meeting was followed by the return of the Arab guerrilla leaders to the Middle East and some very terrible events. A school bus was ambushed. Rockets were fired into school houses. Many children were killed. Others lay maimed in hospitals.

Gen. Giap equated the Israelis with the Americans. He wanted total defeat imposed upon both. He predicted that "the Palestinian revolution will triumph like the Vietnamese revolution."

Arafat, the leader of the rocketeers who aim at Israeli school houses, told his Vietnamese Communist hosts that the Arabs had "benefitted a great deal from the tactics of Chairman Ho Chi Minh."

Gen. Giap voiced pleasure that Arab "guerrilla warfare is developing and you have scored big victories."

Gen Giap is praised by a few of our American university professors for his so-called heroism. He now tells the Arabs that "any method which can achieve your

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victory is a good method." "We fight with military means. This is the main form of fighting, but simultaneously we fight by political means." He added that "Chairman Ho Chi Minh has said: 'We must depend first on our own power and then on the support and the backing of the progressive forces in the world.'"

Gen. Giap went on to express unqualified admiration for "the fighting spirit of the Palestinian people and the Arab people, and our unreserved support for your struggle." He voiced confidence that the Arabs would destroy Israel in the so-called "liberation struggle."

I could not help but think of the killing of Israeli children when the President announced the capture of so much enemy weaponry in Cambodia. I could not help but think that a Russian-made or Chinese-made rocket or mine or mortar or artillery piece captured by our troops diminishes the stockpiles from which the Communists supply the radical Arab forces. When Russia and China dig into their arms stockpiles to make up Hanoi's weapon losses, they obviously will have fewer new arms to send to the Arabs. If the life of a single Israeli child is spared, however indirectly, by the impact we have had upon Communist arms stockpiles and replacement shipments to various terrorist forces of the world, I would be even more appreciative of the heroism of our brave soldiers.

Let me say a word about the war in Vietnam and the pacifist-isolationist sentiment in our nation today. There is a grave danger inherent in the amendments pending before the Senate to restrict the ability of our Chief Executive to respond to worldwide Communist threats and involvements. There are some who would bar the use of American forces unless there is a direct enemy attack on American units or the territory of the United States.

Possible aggressors would be assured, under some new concepts advanced in Congress -- assured that the United States would never use its forces under specified circumstances and that we would be inhibited, restricted, and restrained. I have not heard of the Soviet Union enacting any such amendments. I have heard of them pushing dangerously into the Middle East and landing missile troops and air squadrons in Egypt.

We must not circumscribe the diplomatic influence of the President in seeking to deter aggression. Let us consider the Soviet military movement into Egypt, the actual presence of combat-ready Russian forces on the continent of Africa, a new "Afrika Corps" only a quarter-century after the defeat of the German Nazis of Rommel in North Africa. There are grim implications for Israel. But I also discern a situation vitally affecting the national security of the United States.

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Just as we have not written off Israel, we have not written off the Middle East. Even though we are still involved in Southeast Asia, even though an anti-military mood exists at home, even though there is division among our people -- let the Communists not miscalculate. Let them not push us too hard.

The Communists may learn that they have neither isolated nor neutralized the United States. In the Middle East, by giving military support to the Arab cause, Moscow is seeking to replace the United States as the dominant power in the Mediterranean. Moscow has demanded that the United States Sixth Fleet leave the Mediterranean. We should immediately move to strengthen our fleet. That is the best answer.

The Soviet game in Egypt far transcends the Arab-Israeli conflict. The Russians are fishing in those troubled waters to undermine the southern flank of NATO, dominate the Mediterranean, and spread Communist influence from the Indian Ocean to the South Atlantic.

Let me state one conviction very simply: I firmly believe that the fate of Israel is linked with the national security of the United States.

Americans of Jewish faith feel very personal and human and understandable ties with the State of Israel. But millions of other Americans also can identify with the Israelis and with their dedication to freedom and survival as a nation. There are some very instructive lessons that Americans of all faiths could learn from the Israelis.

But I did not come here today to compliment the Israelis. Their courage provides its own commentary. I came to assure you that actions are being taken.

I am free to speak only of my own initiative and my own action. Today I can disclose that on June 2 I sent a personal letter to President Nixon.

I stated that in view of the dangerous and aggressive escalation of the crisis apparent in the intrusion of Soviet combat pilots and missile battalions into Egypt, a new sense of urgency has developed among members of the House of Representatives regarding the necessity for a measured American response.

It was my own belief, shared by a majority of my colleagues, that the time had come for the United States to approve the sale of the additional Phantom and Skyhawk aircraft sought by Israel.

The failure to provide these jets may have disastrous results. My letter pointed out that the Soviet Union has ignored our restraint and increased its own involvement in a volatile situation.

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We must redress the balance by providing the jets to Israel. This would reassure our friends and prevent our enemies from miscalculating.

If we display inhibition in the face of Soviet military penetration, the Russians will press more vigorously their drive to penetrate the Middle East and Mediterranean. We could anticipate greater Arab belligerence through increased commitment of conventional and guerrilla forces.

The President is aware that an intolerable situation will develop if the Soviet Air Force provides Egypt with a privileged sanctuary from which to sally forth across the Suez Canal with commando raids, air raids, artillery barrages, and amphibious attacks. Soviet planes and pilots intruding on the United Nations cease fire zone along the Suez Canal add a dangerous new dimension to the Middle East conflict.

There are compelling reasons to bolster Israel in such manner as to make the Russians think twice before tackling the valiant Israeli air force. I also am convinced there is danger of a mood of desperation in Israel, born of a sense of abandonment, that might lead the Israelis to launch pre-emptive operations that could bring about open hostilities with Soviet military forces.

The President is aware that, unlike some other nations menaced by Communism, Israel has not asked for American manpower. If the Israelis are willing to stand up for their own survival, we must at least provide the necessary arms.

It was my feeling that assurance of continuity in the supply of Phantom jets and other arms to Israel was in keeping with the President's courageous public remarks of April 30 on the Cambodian situation. The chips are down in the Middle East. We must act to retain credibility among friends and foes. We must deter the Soviet Union from its new brinkmanship which seeks to exploit our present concerns in Southeast Asia. We must let the Russians know that neo-isolationism and pacificism are not yet such among Americans that Communism has our invitation to subjugate the free world.

It would be a very timely move for the President not only to approve the pending arms list for Israel but also to send a special commission, made up of appropriate persons, to the Middle East to assess the developing danger created by the Soviet escalation. The commission should include Government officials, members of Congress, and persons from outside the Government. It would suggest to the Russians the gravity of our concern.

Israeli Defense Minister Dayan recently announced that Israel had halted deep penetration raids into Egypt to avoid possible clashes with Soviet forces.

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He asserted readiness to re-establish an unconditional and unlimited cease-fire.

The only response from the Arabs has been a drastic increase in attacks as the Russians screen Egypt with a protective umbrella. The commitment of Russian military forces cannot be justified on grounds of defense of Egypt. Russian involvement is linked with the mounting Arab campaign to liquidate Israel. The commitment of Russian military forces is a negation of Soviet pretensions to peace-making. Pilots, troops, and missiles are no way to reduce tensions!

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The reason for this meeting is obvious. This is a time for action. We have heard enough rhetoric.

Children are dying in Israel. They are being killed by Soviet rockets in the hands of Arabs who are emulating the Viet Cong and the Communists of North Vietnam.

What is my justification for stating that the Arab extremists are adopting Viet Cong terrorist tactics? I call your attention to a recent visit to Hanoi by a delegation representing the top leadership of the Al Fatah Arab guerrilla movement. The Arabs were invited by Gen. Giap, the military leader of North Vietnam.

A text of the minutes of the meeting was subsequently published by the Arabs and the North Vietnamese. Gen. Giap told the Arabs, "We fight together;" and he added, "You are right to clear the ground of its Israeli forces and blow up their houses and liquidate their presence." That was Hanoi's advice to the Arabs.

The Hanoi meeting was followed by the return of the Arab guerrilla leaders to the Middle East and some very terrible events. A school bus was ambushed. Rockets were fired into school houses. Many children were killed. Others lay maimed in hospitals.

Gen. Giap equated the Israelis with the Americans. He wanted total defeat imposed upon both. He predicted that "the Palestinian revolution will triumph like the Vietnamese revolution."

Arafat, the leader of the rocketeers who aim at Israeli school houses, told his Vietnamese Communist hosts that the Arabs had "benefitted a great deal from the tactics of Chairman Ho Chi Minh."

Gen. Giap voiced pleasure that Arab "guerrilla warfare is developing and you have scored big victories."

Gen Giap is praised by a few of our American university professors for his so-called heroism. He now tells the Arabs that "any method which can achieve your

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victory is a good method." "We fight with military means. This is the main form of fighting, but simultaneously we fight by political means." He added that "Chairman Ho Chi Minh has said: 'We must depend first on our own power and then on the support and the backing of the progressive forces in the world.'"

Gen. Giap went on to express unqualified admiration for "the fighting spirit of the Palestinian people and the Arab people, and our unreserved support for your struggle." He voiced confidence that the Arabs would destroy Israel in the so-called "liberation struggle."

I could not help but think of the killing of Israeli children when the President announced the capture of so much enemy weaponry in Cambodia. I could not help but think that a Russian-made or Chinese-made rocket or mine or mortar or artillery piece captured by our troops diminishes the stockpiles from which the Communists supply the radical Arab forces. When Russia and China dig into their arms stockpiles to make up Hanoi's weapon losses, they obviously will have fewer new arms to send to the Arabs. If the life of a single Israeli child is spared, however indirectly, by the impact we have had upon Communist arms stockpiles and replacement shipments to various terrorist forces of the world, I would be even more appreciative of the heroism of our brave soldiers.

Let me say a word about the war in Vietnam and the pacifist-isolationist sentiment in our nation today. There is a grave danger inherent in the amendments pending before the Senate to restrict the ability of our Chief Executive to respond to worldwide Communist threats and involvements. There are some who would bar the use of American forces unless there is a direct enemy attack on American units or the territory of the United States.

Possible aggressors would be assured, under some new concepts advanced in Congress -- assured that the United States would never use its forces under specified circumstances and that we would be inhibited, restricted, and restrained. I have not heard of the Soviet Union enacting any such amendments. I have heard of them pushing dangerously into the Middle East and landing missile troops and air squadrons in Egypt.

We must not circumscribe the diplomatic influence of the President in seeking to deter aggression. Let us consider the Soviet military movement into Egypt, the actual presence of combat-ready Russian forces on the continent of Africa, a new "Afrika Corps" only a quarter-century after the defeat of the German Nazis of Rommel in North Africa. There are grim implications for Israel. But I also discern a situation vitally affecting the national security of the United States.

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Just as we have not written off Israel, we have not written off the Middle East. Even though we are still involved in Southeast Asia, even though an anti-military mood exists at home, even though there is division among our people -- let the Communists not miscalculate. Let them not push us too hard.

The Communists may learn that they have neither isolated nor neutralized the United States. In the Middle East, by giving military support to the Arab cause, Moscow is seeking to replace the United States as the dominant power in the Mediterranean. Moscow has demanded that the United States Sixth Fleet leave the Mediterranean. We should immediately move to strengthen our fleet. That is the best answer.

The Soviet game in Egypt far transcends the Arab-Israeli conflict. The Russians are fishing in those troubled waters to undermine the southern flank of NATO, dominate the Mediterranean, and spread Communist influence from the Indian Ocean to the South Atlantic.

Let me state one conviction very simply: I firmly believe that the fate of Israel is linked with the national security of the United States.

Americans of Jewish faith feel very personal and human and understandable ties with the State of Israel. But millions of other Americans also can identify with the Israelis and with their dedication to freedom and survival as a nation. There are some very instructive lessons that Americans of all faiths could learn from the Israelis.

But I did not come here today to compliment the Israelis. Their courage provides its own commentary. I came to assure you that actions are being taken.

I am free to speak only of my own initiative and my own action. Today I can disclose that on June 2 I sent a personal letter to President Nixon.

I stated that in view of the dangerous and aggressive escalation of the crisis apparent in the intrusion of Soviet combat pilots and missile battalions into Egypt, a new sense of urgency has developed among members of the House of Representatives regarding the necessity for a measured American response.

It was my own belief, shared by a majority of my colleagues, that the time had come for the United States to approve the sale of the additional Phantom and Skyhawk aircraft sought by Israel.

The failure to provide these jets may have disastrous results. My letter pointed out that the Soviet Union has ignored our restraint and increased its own involvement in a volatile situation.

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We must redress the balance by providing the jets to Israel. This would reassure our friends and prevent our enemies from miscalculating.

If we display inhibition in the face of Soviet military penetration, the Russians will press more vigorously their drive to penetrate the Middle East and Mediterranean. We could anticipate greater Arab belligerence through increased commitment of conventional and guerrilla forces.

The President is aware that an intolerable situation will develop if the Soviet Air Force provides Egypt with a privileged sanctuary from which to sally forth across the Suez Canal with commando raids, air raids, artillery barrages, and amphibious attacks. Soviet planes and pilots intruding on the United Nations cease fire zone along the Suez Canal add a dangerous new dimension to the Middle East conflict.

There are compelling reasons to bolster Israel in such manner as to make the Russians think twice before tackling the valiant Israeli air force. I also am convinced there is danger of a mood of desperation in Israel, born of a sense of abandonment, that might lead the Israelis to launch pre-emptive operations that could bring about open hostilities with Soviet military forces.

The President is aware that, unlike some other nations menaced by Communism, Israel has not asked for American manpower. If the Israelis are willing to stand up for their own survival, we must at least provide the necessary arms.

It was my feeling that assurance of continuity in the supply of Phantom jets and other arms to Israel was in keeping with the President's courageous public remarks of April 30 on the Cambodian situation. The chips are down in the Middle East. We must act to retain credibility among friends and foes. We must deter the Soviet Union from its new brinkmanship which seeks to exploit our present concerns in Southeast Asia. We must let the Russians know that neo-isolationism and pacificism are not yet such among Americans that Communism has our invitation to subjugate the free world.

It would be a very timely move for the President not only to approve the pending arms list for Israel but also to send a special commission, made up of appropriate persons, to the Middle East to assess the developing danger created by the Soviet escalation. The commission should include Government officials, members of Congress, and persons from outside the Government. It would suggest to the Russians the gravity of our concern.

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