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IT IS ESPECIALLY FITTING THAT
WE REVIEW AMERICAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS
TODAY. NOT ONLY ARE WE APPROACHING A
NEW YEAR, A CUSTOMARY TIME FOR EVALUATION
AND PROGNOSTICATION, BUT THE JEWISH
HOLIDAY OF CHANUKAH (HAHN-EWE-CAH) IS BUT
A FEW DAYS OFF.

THIS HOLIDAY, AS YOU KNOW, IS
A HISTORIC FESTIVAL OF LIBERATION. SMALL
BUT DEDICATED BANDS OF JEWISH FREEDOM-
FIGHTERS FOUGHT TO PREVENT RELIGIOUS AND
CULTURAL GENOCIDE. THEY FOUGHT TO
PERPETUATE THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND THE
JEWISH NATION. THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE



OPPRESSORS WAS FOR MORE THAN PHYSICAL
SURVIVAL. IT INVOLVED THE SURVIVAL OF
JEWISH IDENTITY AND THE RIGHT OF THE [REDACTED]
INDIVIDUAL TO DECIDE HOW HE WORSHIPS HIS
GOD/AND THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE INVOLVED.

IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND CITIZENS OF
ALL FAITHS IDENTIFY WITH THE COMING
HEBREW OBSERVANCE. THERE IS DEEP CONCERN
IN THIS COUNTRY ABOUT THE RELIGIOUS AND
CULTURAL GENOCIDE CONFRONTING THE JEWISH
INHABITANTS OF THE SOVIET UNION. THERE IS
ALSO A VERY WARM AND REAL ADMIRATION FOR
THE STATE AND PEOPLE OF ISRAEL. THE
ISRAELIS ARE PURSUING THE TRADITION OF
THE JEWISH FIGHTERS OF OLD, THE
MACCABEES (MACK - A - BEES). THEY ARE
WAGING A GALLANT STRUGGLE AGAINST THE
PRESSURES OF TOTALITARIANISM AND AGGRESSION.



THERE HAS BEEN MUCH SPECULATION IN THE PRESS ABOUT EGYPT'S DETERMINATION TO REJECT A THIRD EXTENSION OF THE SUEZ CANAL CEASE-FIRE ON FEBRUARY 5 IF THERE IS NO AGREEMENT BY THEN / BY ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY.

A HIGH-RANKING EGYPTIAN DELEGATION, INCLUDING THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THAT COUNTRY AND THE MINISTERS OF WAR, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND INDUSTRY, WILL BE IN MOSCOW THIS WEEK. *According to the N.Y. Times, a Soviet delegation is also in Cairo.* EGYPT IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL SOVIET SUPPORT TO MAKE THE ISRAELIS ROLL BACK WITHOUT A REAL PEACE SETTLEMENT. EGYPT IS ALSO SEEKING MORE MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID FROM THE RUSSIANS.

GEN. MOSHE DAYAN, THE DEFENSE MINISTER OF ISRAEL, HAS JUST MET IN WASHINGTON WITH THE LEADERS OF OUR OWN GOVERNMENT. OUR TALKS WITH GEN. DAYAN



TOOK PLACE AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF VERY
SERIOUS DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

There is reliable information that

A SOVIET MILITARY HEADQUARTERS, STAFFED
BY DOZENS OF FIRST-LINE RUSSIAN GENERALS
AND COLONELS, HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN
EGYPT. A SENIOR MILITARY STAFF IS
FUNCTIONING. AN ESTIMATED 13,000 RUSSIAN
TROOPS ARE REPORTED IN EGYPT WITH AN
ADDITIONAL 3,000 IN MISSILE BATTALIONS ON
ACTION STATIONS IN THE SUEZ CANAL ZONE.
THERE IS SOME REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE
RUSSIANS MAY BE ESTABLISHING CADRE AND
SKELETAL STRUCTURES FOR POSSIBLE MASS
REINFORCEMENT.

I SEE THIS IN THE CONTEXT OF A
CONTINUING INFILTRATION PROCESS WHICH
PARALLELS THE BOLSTERING OF THE SOVIET
MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.




OUR GOVERNMENT IS DISCUSSING

We know the Soviet fleet - now the largest in the world - sails freely in the ME

There is no positive evidence
WITH ISRAEL THE COMPLEXITIES INVOLVING
POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF THE JARRING TALKS.
EGYPT AND RUSSIA VIOLATED THEIR SOLEMN
COMMITMENT BY EXPLOITING THE CEASE-FIRE
TO GAIN MILITARY ADVANTAGE. I CAN
UNDERSTAND ISRAEL'S CONCERN LEST THE TALKS
RESUME AND THEN COLLAPSE THROUGH NO FAULT
OF THE ISRAELIS. THE INTRANSIGENT NATURE
OF ARAB WAR AIMS AND THE FRAGILE CHARACTER
OF THE INDIRECT NEGOTIATING PROCESS
INDICATE POSSIBLE DEADLOCK.


WHAT HAPPENS THEN? WHAT DO WE
DO IF THE TALKS BREAK DOWN / AND RUSSIAN
SHELLS AND RUSSIAN MISSILES AND RUSSIAN
JETS ARE ONCE MORE UNLEASHED? THE CONFLICT
WOULD BE THROWN BACK INTO THE LAP OF THE
SUPERPOWERS. THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE WOULD
BE CRUCIAL. WOULD WE BE PREPARED TO USE
OUR VETO POWER AT THE UNITED NATIONS, IF
NECESSARY, TO BLOCK ANY SOVIET BID FOR AN



IMPOSED SETTLEMENT? WHAT WOULD WE DO TO STOP THE RUSSIANS AND THE ARABS FROM MANIPULATING A REINTERPRETATION OF THE NOVEMBER 1967 U.N. RESOLUTION IN SUCH MANNER AS TO REQUIRE UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL BY ISRAEL FROM "ALL THE TERRITORIES" OCCUPIED?

I WISH TO STATE MY OWN POSITION
CLEARLY AND SIMPLY. / IF ISRAEL IS TO
NEGOTIATE AT OUR URGING AND BEHEST, THE
UNITED STATES HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE
THE RUSSIANS UNDERSTAND THAT THEY CANNOT
APPLY NAKED FORCE.

ISRAEL SHOULD NOT WITHDRAW FROM
A SINGLE INCH OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY UNLESS
THERE IS A REAL PEACE TREATY AND CREDIBLE
EVIDENCE THAT THE ARABS WILL NORMALIZE
RELATIONS. THE ARABS HAVE REFUSED TO ENTER
INTO SUCH A PEACEFUL UNDERTAKING. EGYPT



AND OTHER RADICAL ARAB STATES HAVE OPENED THE REGION TO COMMUNIST INVOLVEMENT. THEY HAVE INTRODUCED NEW AND MORE VICIOUS WEAPONS AND TACTICS.

I SEE NO LOGIC IN ANY AMERICAN ROLE AT THE UNITED NATIONS OR IN CONCERT WITH THE SOVIET UNION, FRANCE, OR BRITAIN TO IMPOSE A DUBIOUS "PEACE" AT ISRAEL'S EXPENSE.

IT CAME AS NO SURPRISE THAT THE RUSSIANS AND EGYPTIANS VIOLATED TERMS OF THE 90-DAY CEASE-FIRE LAST SUMMER BY MOVING MISSILE SYSTEMS FORWARD. WE VIGOROUSLY PROTESTED, BUT IN VAIN. INSTEAD OF REMOVING NEWLY-INSTALLED MISSILES FROM THE STANDSTILL ZONE, SOVIET TECHNICIANS CONTINUED INSTALLATION WORK. NEW AND MORE SOPHISTICATED AND DANGEROUS SOVIET WEAPONS AND INVASION EQUIPMENT WERE SHIPPED.



THE SO-CALLED "LIBERATION"
FORCES OF THE ARABS MEANWHILE EMBARKED ON
A NEW CAMPAIGN OF AIRLINE HIJACKING. THE
ARAB EXTREMISTS EMERGED AS FLAGRANTLY
ANTI-AMERICAN. TWO U.S. AIRLINERS WERE
BLOWN UP. AMERICAN CITIZENS WERE HELD
HOSTAGE AND TREATED AS "PRISONERS OF WAR."

THERE WERE ATTEMPTS TO
DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN AMERICAN HOSTAGES OF
THE JEWISH FAITH AND NON-JEWS. I AM VERY
PLEASED AND PROUD THAT PRESIDENT NIXON,
WITH THE BACKING OF THE CONGRESS AND THE
PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, VIGOROUSLY
REJECTED THIS VICIOUS TACTIC.

PRO-COMMUNIST ARAB GUERRILLAS
THEN SOUGHT TO OVERTHROW THE KINGDOM OF
JORDAN. THE GUERRILLAS WERE STRIKING NOT
ONLY AGAINST ISRAEL BUT AT EVERY NON-RADICAL
ARAB GOVERNMENT THAT DARES TO RETAIN



RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE
ARAB "REVOLUTION" MAKES ISRAEL ITS
PROPAGANDA SCAPEGOAT, THE REAL TARGET IS
THE NON-COMMUNIST AND ANTI-COMMUNIST ARAB
"ESTABLISHMENT." IF ARAB EXTREMISTS WERE
TO SUCCEED IN THEIR OBJECTIVES, THEY WOULD
REPLACE PRESENT STRUCTURES WITH A PRO-
COMMUNIST ESTABLISHMENT.

PRESIDENT NIXON'S ^{recent} TRIP TO THE
MEDITERRANEAN WAS INTENDED TO IMPRESS
MOSCOW AND ITS ARAB CLIENTS WITH THE
RESOLVE OF U.S. POWER. ^{+ our continuing dedication to NATO.} MOSCOW WAS WARNED
AGAINST MISINTERPRETING THE NIXON

ADMINISTRATION'S PEACE-SEEKING POLICIES AS
A SIGN OF WEAKNESS. ^{Moscow + its allies should}

^{know by now the President will stand firm + will move affirmatively}
WE ARE NOT WITHDRAWING FROM THE ^{for Peace}
WORLD. NOR ARE WE ABIDCATING SOLEMN ^{whether}
RESPONSIBILITIES. ^{in Vietnam}
^{to freedom world-wide.} ^{Cambodia}
^{on the}
^{Middle East}

THE AMERICAN FLAG CONTINUES TO
FLY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. WE WILL NOT
PERMIT THE MEDITERRANEAN TO BECOME A SOVIET
SEA.

I CONCUR, ALONG WITH THE
~~REPUBLICAN~~ LEADERSHIP OF THE CONGRESS, WITH
THE POSITION EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT NIXON.
THE PRESIDENT TOLD NATO COMMANDERS OF
"THE PRIMARY INDISPENSABLE PRINCIPLE OF
AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY." / "AND THAT
PRINCIPLE," HE SAID, "IS TO MAINTAIN THE
NECESSARY STRENGTH IN THE MEDITERRANEAN TO
PRESERVE THE PEACE AGAINST THOSE WHO MIGHT
THREATEN THE PEACE." PRESIDENT NIXON ADDED
THAT "THE MEDITERRANEAN IS THE CRADLE OF
MANY GREAT CIVILIZATIONS OF THE PAST, AND
WE ARE DETERMINED THAT IT SHALL NOT BE
THE STARTING PLACE OF GREAT WARS IN THE
FUTURE."



In recent weeks

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WE HAVE NOW MOVED INTO AN
ENTIRELY ¹ NEW AND IMPROVED RELATIONSHIP
WITH ISRAEL.

THE ISRAELIS RISKED THEIR LIVES
BY TRUSTING AMERICAN ASSURANCES THAT EGYPT
AND RUSSIA WOULD NOT EXPLOIT THE SUEZ
CEASE-FIRE. SOVIET MISSILES WERE MOVED
FORWARD IN THE MOST CYNICAL MANNER.
REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF THE TRUCE TOOK PLACE
ON THE EGYPTIAN SIDE OF THE CANAL.

TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE CONGRESS
IS RESPONDING TO NEW ADMINISTRATION
INITIATIVES WHICH REDRESS THE MILITARY
BALANCE. WE ARE ACTING NOW ON A
SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS BILL TO COVER
\$500 MILLION IN MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR
ISRAEL. THE MEASURE INCLUDES PHANTOM JETS, *prop. jets*
ANTI-MISSILE DEVICES, AND OTHER WEAPONS.

Amate?
^ THIS LEGISLATION GIVES ME A SENSE



OF RELIEF. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT ISRAEL'S
MILITARY NEEDS. IT IS MY CONVICTION THAT
STRONG AMERICAN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL IS
ESSENTIAL TO DETER COMMUNIST AND ARAB
BELLIGERENCY.

I WISH TO PAY PARTICULAR TRIBUTE
TO THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE. THE PERFORMANCE
OF THE ISRAELI PILOTS REMINDS ME OF THE
WORK DONE BY THE BRITISH ROYAL AIR FORCE
DURING THE YEAR 1940 WHEN BRITAIN STOOD
ALONE, OUTNUMBERED AND BESIEGED. NOW,
THIRTY YEARS LATER, WE FIND ISRAELI YOUNG
MEN DOING WHAT THE BRITISH ^{pilots} ~~BOYS~~ THEN DID
IN DEFENSE OF FREEDOM. *Heroic then / heroic NOW.*

BUT WE MUST DO MORE ~~THAN PRAISE~~
THAN PRAISE THE BRAVE ISRAELIS. WE MUST
TAKE MEANINGFUL ACTIONS, ^{and we are unless the U.S. Senate funds} THE TIME FOR ^{up the}
ONE-SHOT ARMS TRANSACTIONS HAS PASSED. ^{President's military}
ISRAEL MUST BE ASSURED OF CONTINUITY IN THE ^{assistance program}

SUPPLY OF JETS AND OTHER MILITARY NEEDS.

I LOOK WITH FAVOR ON A ^{package} LEND-LEASE CONCEPT
OF AID TO ISRAEL *with easy terms of credit because it*

*does mean immediate
help & a continuity of
support.*

AMERICA HAS A MORAL OBLIGATION
TO ISRAEL'S SECURITY. / WE ALSO HAVE A
MORE DIRECT COMMITMENT TO OUR OWN SECURITY.

THE DEFENSE OF ISRAEL IS LINKED WITH THE
NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES.

IT IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR DESIRE TO PRESERVE
whether it be Europe, Asia or the Middle East
FREEDOM. IT INVOLVES THE FATE OF NATO AND

THE FUTURE OF CIVILIZATION. *Freedom is not desirable.*

I REJECT THE LINE NOW EMERGING
THAT WE SHOULD FORGET THE REST OF THE

WORLD AND DEVELOP SOME KIND OF "NEW
CONSCIOUSNESS" AT HOME IN WHICH WE RENOUNCE

OUR LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE SEARCH FOR

WORLD PEACE. ISOLATIONISM BY ANY NAME IS

CONTRARY TO THE SACRIFICE OF ALL THE

AMERICAN SOLDIERS AND SAILORS WHO FOUGHT

or give up

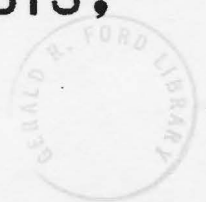
*in the decade of the
40's*



AND DIED IN THIS CENTURY.

SOME HAVE BEEN MISGUIDED,
TERRIBLY MISGUIDED, IN ASSUMING THAT WE CAN
MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE
MEDITERRANEAN BY OPPOSING DEFENSE
DEPARTMENT BUDGETS FOR RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT FOR ^{modern} MILITARY EQUIPMENT. THE
ARMS WE ARE NOW PROVIDING TO ISRAEL WERE
DEVELOPED ^{in recent years} ^{Some radical} DESPITE STUDENT ATTEMPTS TO SHUT
DOWN RESEARCH LABORATORIES WORKING ON A
DEFENSE AGAINST KNOWN SOVIET WEAPONS
DEVELOPMENTS.

THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE
RUSSIANS ARE TESTING WEAPONS IN THE MIDDLE
EAST AS THE GERMANS DID IN SPAIN DURING
THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR OF THE 1930'S. YET
THE NEW LEFT PUBLISHES POSTERS OF GUERNICA,
THE TOWN BOMBED BY THE NAZIS, AND SUGGESTS,
IN EFFECT, THAT WE DO NOTHING WHILE THE



COMMUNISTS PREPARE WHAT MIGHT BE A NEW
GUERNICA FOR ISRAEL.

IT IS VITAL THAT ISRAEL RECEIVE
THE BEST AVAILABLE AMERICAN ARMS. AS
EXPENSIVE AS WEAPONS ARE, THEY ARE FAR
CHEAPER THAN HUMAN LIFE.

WE MUST RESIST THE BLANDISHMENTS
OF NEO-ISOLATIONISM. WHEN WE CEASE MISSILE
RESEARCH AND VOTE AGAINST DEVELOPMENT OF
NEWER AND BETTER ^{military aircraft} ~~JETS~~, WE LESSEN OUR
CAPACITY TO AID ISRAEL AND OTHER NATIONS
SEEKING TO SURVIVE THE ONSLAUGHTS OF
AGGRESSORS.

IN ADDITION TO FURNISHING ARMS
TO ISRAEL, WE MUST FIND A WAY TO REDUCE
THE TIME LAG BETWEEN THE ORIGINAL REQUEST
OF ISRAEL FOR WEAPONS AND FINAL DELIVERY.
THERE MUST BE CONTINUITY AND CREDIBILITY.
OUR FRIENDS ARE WAITING. / OUR ENEMIES ARE



WATCHING.

WE ARE NOW MOVING IN THE PROPER
DIRECTION. WE ARE IMPROVING THE READINESS
OF THE U.S. 6TH FLEET. THIS IS IN
RESPONSE TO THE AGGRESSIVE AND DANGEROUS
NEW RUSSIAN ROLE. OUR FLEET MUST OPERATE
UNITS IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN,
INCLUDING THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. THE
NAVY'S MOVES TOWARDS MODERNIZATION CANNOT
BE ACHIEVED WITH ILL-ADVISED BUDGET CUTBACKS.

*most people don't
realize - U.S. Navy has
the resources*

THE PRETENSIONS OF THE ARAB
EXTREMISTS ARE THAT ISRAEL SHOULD MAKE
UNILATERAL CONCESSIONS TO GAIN TOLERATION
AS A JEWISH MINORITY GROUP IN SOME KIND
OF ARAB PALESTINIAN STATE. THIS IS
ADVOCATED BY PERSONS INVOLVED IN CRUELTY
AND BLOODLETTING AGAINST FELLOW ARABS IN
JORDAN, IN HIJACKINGS, IN BRUTAL RESORT TO
TERRORISM, AND IN COLLABORATION WITH THE



COMMUNIST BLOC OF NATIONS. ISRAEL MUST
STAND READY FOR PEACE, BUT PREPARED FOR
WAR, UNTIL THE ARABS ACCEPT THE BASIS FOR
PERMANENT PEACE.

ISRAEL AND AMERICA HAVE GROWN
CLOSER TOGETHER IN RECENT MONTHS. I AM
SINCERELY ENCOURAGED BY THE RESPONSE OF
OUR GOVERNMENT TO THE CRISIS THAT
CONFRONTS US.

realize
I ~~KNOW~~ THAT I HAVE SPOKEN IN A
RATHER GRIM AND SERIOUS VEIN. I RESPECT
YOUR INTELLIGENCE AND WILL NOT EVADE THE
ISSUE BY EUPHORIC METAPHORS.

I HAVE GREAT FAITH IN THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE. ALSO, ~~I HAVE GROWN TO~~
I have tremendous admiration for
~~ADMI~~RE THE FORTITUDE AND COURAGE OF THE
¹ ISRAELIS. THE RUSSIANS ARE CHALLENGING THE
UNITED STATES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. MAKE
NO MISTAKE ABOUT THAT. WE CANNOT AND MUST
NOT LET MOSCOW CONCLUDE THAT THEY HAVE A

FREE HAND IN ANY HEAVY-HANDED DEALINGS WITH ISRAEL THAT THEY MAY CONTEMPLATE.

HAVING PREPARED FOR DEFENSE, WE HAVE DONE OUR BEST TO ASSURE PEACE. THAT IS THE RIGHT PATH FOR A PEACE-LOVING NATION.

THE MORAL OF THE JEWISH HOLIDAY OF CHANUKAH (HAHN - EWE - CAH) IS THAT NO POWER ON EARTH IS ABLE TO CRUSH THE FAITH OF MAN. THIS VIEW WAS VOICED BY THE PROPHET, ZACHARIAH, WHEN HE SAID, "NOT BY MIGHT NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS."

IT IS THAT SPIRIT WHICH GUIDES AMERICA AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN THERE IS TRUE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN UNDER THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD. WE WANT PEACE IN VIETNAM. WE WANT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. OUR SPIRIT IS A PEACEFUL SPIRIT. OUR PRAYER



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IS THAT ALL PEOPLES COME TO THE REALIZATION
THAT THEY ARE PART OF THE HUMANITY ADDRESSED
BY ZACHARIAH.

I THANK YOU.

-- END --



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AN ADDRESS BY REP. GERALD R. FORD, R-MICH.
REPUBLICAN LEADER, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AT THE LIBERAL FORUM
OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS ASSOCIATION
SHAARE EMETH TEMPLE
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FOR RELEASE ON DELIVERY

It is especially fitting that we review American-Israeli relations today. Not only are we approaching a new year, a customary time for evaluation and prognostication, but the Jewish holiday of Chanukah is but a few days off.

This holiday, as you know, is a historic festival of liberation. Small but dedicated bands of Jewish freedom-fighters fought to prevent religious and cultural genocide. They fought to perpetuate the Jewish people and the Jewish nation. The struggle against the oppressors was for more than physical survival. It involved the survival of Jewish identity and the right of the human individual to decide how he worships his God and the freedom of choice involved.

It is appropriate that the United States Government and citizens of all faiths identify with the coming Hebrew observance. There is deep concern in this country about the religious and cultural genocide confronting the Jewish inhabitants of the Soviet Union. There is also a very warm and real admiration for the State and people of Israel. The Israelis are pursuing the tradition of the Jewish fighters of old, the Maccabees. They are waging a gallant struggle against the pressures of totalitarianism and aggression.

There has been much speculation in the press about Egypt's determination to reject a third extension of the Suez Canal cease-fire on February 5 if there is no agreement by then by Israel to withdraw from occupied Arab territory.

A high-ranking Egyptian delegation, including the vice-president of that country and the ministers of war, foreign affairs, and industry, will be in Moscow this week. Egypt is seeking additional Soviet support to make the Israelis roll back without a real peace settlement. Egypt is also seeking more military and economic aid from the Russians.

Gen. Moshe Dayan, the defense minister of Israel, has just met in Washington with the leaders of our own government. Our talks with Gen. Dayan took place against the background of very serious developments in the Middle East. A Soviet military

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headquarters, staffed by dozens of first-line Russian generals and colonels, has been established in Egypt. A senior military staff is functioning. An estimated 13,000 Russian troops are reported in Egypt with an additional 3,000 in missile battalions on action stations in the Suez Canal zone. There is some reason to believe that the Russians may be establishing cadre and skeletal structures for possible mass reinforcement.

I see this in the context of a continuing infiltration process which parallels the bolstering of the Soviet military presence in the Mediterranean.

Our Government is discussing with Israel the complexities involving possible resumption of the Jarring talks. Egypt and Russia violated their solemn commitment by exploiting the ceasefire to gain military advantage. I can understand Israel's concern lest the talks resume and then collapse through no fault of the Israelis. The intransigent nature of Arab war aims and the fragile character of the indirect negotiating process indicate possible deadlock.

What happens then? What do we do if the talks break down and the Russian shells and Russian missiles and Russian jets are once more unleashed? The conflict would be thrown back into the lap of the superpowers. The American attitude would be crucial. Would we be prepared to use our veto power at the United Nations, if necessary, to block any Soviet bid for an imposed settlement? What would we do to stop the Russians and the Arabs from manipulating a reinterpretation of the November 1967 U.N. Resolution in such manner as to require unconditional withdrawal by Israel from "all the territories" occupied?

I wish to state my own position clearly and simply. If Israel is to negotiate at our urging and behest, the United States has a responsibility to make the Russians understand that they cannot apply naked force.

Israel should not withdraw from a single inch of occupied territory unless there is a real peace treaty and credible evidence that the Arabs will normalize relations. The Arabs have refused to enter into such a peaceful undertaking. Egypt and other radical Arab states have opened the region to Communist involvement. They have introduced new and more vicious weapons and tactics.

I see no logic in any American role at the United Nations or in concert with the Soviet Union, France, or Britain to impose a dubious "peace" at Israel's expense.

It came as no surprise that the Russians and Egyptians violated terms of the 90-day cease-fire last summer by moving missile systems forward. We vigorously protested, but in vain. Instead of removing newly-installed missiles from the

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standstill zone, Soviet technicians continued installation work. New and more sophisticated and dangerous Soviet weapons and invasion equipment were shipped.

The so-called "liberation" forces of the Arabs meanwhile embarked on a new campaign of airline hijacking. The Arab extremists emerged as flagrantly anti-American. Two U.S. airliners were blown up. American citizens were held hostage and treated as "prisoners of war." There were attempts to discriminate between American hostages of the Jewish faith and non-Jews. I am very pleased and proud that President Nixon, with the backing of the Congress and the people of the United States, vigorously rejected this vicious tactic.

Pro-Communist Arab guerrillas then sought to overthrow the Kingdom of Jordan. The guerrillas were striking not only against Israel but at every non-radical Arab Government that dares to retain relations with the United States. The Arab "revolution" makes Israel its propaganda scapegoat. The real target is the non-Communist and anti-Communist "establishment." If Arab extremists were to succeed in their objectives, they would replace present structures with a pro-Communist establishment.

President Nixon's trip to the Mediterranean was intended to impress Moscow and its Arab clients with the resolve of U.S. power. Moscow was warned against misinterpreting the Nixon Administration's peace-seeking policies as a sign of weakness.

We are not withdrawing from the world. Nor are we abdicating solemn responsibilities.

The American flag continues to fly in the Mediterranean. We will not permit the Mediterranean to become a Soviet sea.

I concur, along with the Republican leadership of the Congress, with the position expressed by President Nixon. The President told NATO commanders of "the primary indispensable principles of American foreign policy." "And that principle," he said, "is to maintain the necessary strength in the Mediterranean to preserve the peace against those who might threaten the peace." President Nixon added that "the Mediterranean is the cradle of many great civilizations of the past, and we are determined that it shall not be the starting place of great wars in the future."

We have now moved into an entirely new and improved relationship with Israel.

The Israelis risked their lives by trusting American assurances that Egypt and Russia would not exploit the Suez cease-fire. Soviet missiles were moved forward in the most cynical manner. Repeated violations of the truce took place on the Egyptian side of the canal.

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To meet this challenge Congress is responding to new Administration initiatives which redress the military balance. We are acting now on a supplementary appropriations bill to cover \$500 million in military equipment for Israel. The measure includes Phantom jets, anti-missile devices, and other weapons.

This legislation gives me a sense of relief. I am concerned about Israel's military needs. It is my conviction that strong American support of Israel is essential to deter Communist and Arab belligerency.

I wish to pay particular tribute to the Israeli Air Force. The performance of the Israeli pilots reminds me of the work done by the British Royal Air Force during the year 1940 when Britain stood alone, outnumbered and besieged. Now, thirty years later, we find Israeli young men doing what the British boys then did in defense of freedom.

But we must do more than praise the brave Israelis. We must take meaningful actions. The time for one-shot arms transactions has passed. Israel must be assured of continuity in the supply of jets and other military needs. I look with favor on a lend-lease concept of aid to Israel.

America has a moral obligation to Israel's security. We also have a more direct commitment to our own security. The defense of Israel is linked with the national security of the United States. It is consistent with our desire to preserve freedom. It involves the fate of NATO and the future of civilization.

I reject the line now emerging that we should forget the rest of the world and develop some kind of "new consciousness" at home in which we renounce our leadership role in the search for world peace. Isolationism by any name is contrary to the sacrifice of all the American soldiers and sailors who fought and died in this century. Some have been misguided, terribly misguided, in assuming that we can meet our responsibilities in the Mediterranean by opposing Defense Department budgets for research and development for military equipment. The arms we are now providing to Israel were developed despite student attempts to shut down research laboratories working on a defense against known Soviet weapons developments.

There is evidence that the Russians are testing weapons in the Middle East as the Germans did in Spain during the Spanish Civil War of the 1930's. Yet the New Left publishes posters of Guernica, the town bombed by the Nazis, and suggests, in effect, that we do nothing while the Communists prepare what might be a new Guernica for Israel.

It is vital that Israel receive the best available American arms. As expensive as weapons are, they are far cheaper than human life. (more)

We must resist the blandishments of neo-isolationism. When we cease missile research and vote against development of newer and better jets, we lessen our capacity to aid Israel and other nations seeking to survive the onslaughts of aggressors.

In addition to furnishing arms to Israel, we must find a way to reduce the time lag between the original request of Israel for weapons and final delivery. There must be continuity and credibility. Our friends are waiting. Our enemies are watching.

We are now moving in the proper direction. We are improving the readiness of the U.S. 6th Fleet. This is in response to the aggressive and dangerous new Russian role. Our fleet must operate units in all sections of the Mediterranean, including the Eastern Mediterranean. The Navy's moves towards cannot be achieved with ill-advised budget cutbacks.

The pretensions of the Arab extremists are that Israel should make unilateral concessions to gain toleration as a Jewish minority group in some kind of Arab Palestinian state. This is advocated by persons involved in cruelty and bloodletting against fellow Arabs in Jordan, in hijackings, in brutal resort to terrorism, and in collaboration with the Communist bloc of nations. Israel must stand ready for peace, but prepared for war, until the Arabs accept the basis for permanent peace.

Israel and America have grown closer together in recent months. I am sincerely encouraged by the response of our Government to the crisis that confronts us.

I know that I have spoken in a rather grim and serious vein. I respect your intelligence and will not evade the issue by euphoric metaphors.

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It is especially fitting that we review American-Israeli relations today. Not only are we approaching a new year, a customary time for evaluation and prognostication, but the Jewish holiday of Chanukah is but a few days off.

This holiday, as you know, is a historic festival of liberation. Small but dedicated bands of Jewish freedom-fighters fought to prevent religious and cultural genocide. They fought to perpetuate the Jewish people and the Jewish nation. The struggle against the oppressors was for more than physical survival. It involved the survival of Jewish identity and the right of the human individual to decide how he worships his God and the freedom of choice involved.

It is appropriate that the United States Government and citizens of all faiths identify with the coming Hebrew observance. There is deep concern in this country about the religious and cultural genocide confronting the Jewish inhabitants of the Soviet Union. There is also a very warm and real admiration for the State and people of Israel. The Israelis are pursuing the tradition of the Jewish fighters of old, the Maccabees. They are waging a gallant struggle against the pressures of totalitarianism and aggression.

There has been much speculation in the press about Egypt's determination to reject a third extension of the Suez Canal cease-fire on February 5 if there is no agreement by then by Israel to withdraw from occupied Arab territory.

A high-ranking Egyptian delegation, including the vice-president of that country and the ministers of war, foreign affairs, and industry, will be in Moscow this week. Egypt is seeking additional Soviet support to make the Israelis roll back without a real peace settlement. Egypt is also seeking more military and economic aid from the Russians.

Gen. Moshe Dayan, the defense minister of Israel, has just met in Washington with the leaders of our own government. Our talks with Gen. Dayan took place against the background of very serious developments in the Middle East. A Soviet military

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headquarters, staffed by dozens of first-line Russian generals and colonels, has been established in Egypt. A senior military staff is functioning. An estimated 13,000 Russian troops are reported in Egypt with an additional 3,000 in missile battalions on action stations in the Suez Canal zone. There is some reason to believe that the Russians may be establishing cadre and skeletal structures for possible mass reinforcement.

I see this in the context of a continuing infiltration process which parallels the bolstering of the Soviet military presence in the Mediterranean.

Our Government is discussing with Israel the complexities involving possible resumption of the Jarring talks. Egypt and Russia violated their solemn commitment by exploiting the ceasefire to gain military advantage. I can understand Israel's concern lest the talks resume and then collapse through no fault of the Israelis. The intransigent nature of Arab war aims and the fragile character of the indirect negotiating process indicate possible deadlock.

What happens then? What do we do if the talks break down and the Russian shells and Russian missiles and Russian jets are once more unleashed? The conflict would be thrown back into the lap of the superpowers. The American attitude would be crucial. Would we be prepared to use our veto power at the United Nations, if necessary, to block any Soviet bid for an imposed settlement? What would we do to stop the Russians and the Arabs from manipulating a reinterpretation of the November 1967 U.N. Resolution in such manner as to require unconditional withdrawal by Israel from "all the territories" occupied?

I wish to state my own position clearly and simply. If Israel is to negotiate at our urging and behest, the United States has a responsibility to make the Russians understand that they cannot apply naked force.

Israel should not withdraw from a single inch of occupied territory unless there is a real peace treaty and credible evidence that the Arabs will normalize relations. The Arabs have refused to enter into such a peaceful undertaking. Egypt and other radical Arab states have opened the region to Communist involvement. They have introduced new and more vicious weapons and tactics.

I see no logic in any American role at the United Nations or in concert with the Soviet Union, France, or Britain to impose a dubious "peace" at Israel's expense.

It came as no surprise that the Russians and Egyptians violated terms of the 90-day cease-fire last summer by moving missile systems forward. We vigorously protested, but in vain. Instead of removing newly-installed missiles from the

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standstill zone, Soviet technicians continued installation work. New and more sophisticated and dangerous Soviet weapons and invasion equipment were shipped.

The so-called "liberation" forces of the Arabs meanwhile embarked on a new campaign of airline hijacking. The Arab extremists emerged as flagrantly anti-American. Two U.S. airliners were blown up. American citizens were held hostage and treated as "prisoners of war." There were attempts to discriminate between American hostages of the Jewish faith and non-Jews. I am very pleased and proud that President Nixon, with the backing of the Congress and the people of the United States, vigorously rejected this vicious tactic.

Pro-Communist Arab guerrillas then sought to overthrow the Kingdom of Jordan. The guerrillas were striking not only against Israel but at every non-radical Arab Government that dares to retain relations with the United States. The Arab "revolution" makes Israel its propaganda scapegoat. The real target is the non-Communist and anti-Communist "establishment." If Arab extremists were to succeed in their objectives, they would replace present structures with a pro-Communist establishment.

President Nixon's trip to the Mediterranean was intended to impress Moscow and its Arab clients with the resolve of U.S. power. Moscow was warned against misinterpreting the Nixon Administration's peace-seeking policies as a sign of weakness.

We are not withdrawing from the world. Nor are we abdicating solemn responsibilities.

The American flag continues to fly in the Mediterranean. We will not permit the Mediterranean to become a Soviet sea.

I concur, along with the Republican leadership of the Congress, with the position expressed by President Nixon. The President told NATO commanders of "the primary indispensable principles of American foreign policy." "And that principle," he said, "is to maintain the necessary strength in the Mediterranean to preserve the peace against those who might threaten the peace." President Nixon added that "the Mediterranean is the cradle of many great civilizations of the past, and we are determined that it shall not be the starting place of great wars in the future."

We have now moved into an entirely new and improved relationship with Israel.

The Israelis risked their lives by trusting American assurances that Egypt and Russia would not exploit the Suez cease-fire. Soviet missiles were moved forward in the most cynical manner. Repeated violations of the truce took place on the Egyptian side of the canal.

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To meet this challenge Congress is responding to new Administration initiatives which redress the military balance. We are acting now on a supplementary appropriations bill to cover \$500 million in military equipment for Israel. The measure includes Phantom jets, anti-missile devices, and other weapons.

This legislation gives me a sense of relief. I am concerned about Israel's military needs. It is my conviction that strong American support of Israel is essential to deter Communist and Arab belligerency.

I wish to pay particular tribute to the Israeli Air Force. The performance of the Israeli pilots reminds me of the work done by the British Royal Air Force during the year 1940 when Britain stood alone, outnumbered and besieged. Now, thirty years later, we find Israeli young men doing what the British boys then did in defense of freedom.

But we must do more than praise the brave Israelis. We must take meaningful actions. The time for one-shot arms transactions has passed. Israel must be assured of continuity in the supply of jets and other military needs. I look with favor on a lend-lease concept of aid to Israel.

America has a moral obligation to Israel's security. We also have a more direct commitment to our own security. The defense of Israel is linked with the national security of the United States. It is consistent with our desire to preserve freedom. It involves the fate of NATO and the future of civilization.

I reject the line now emerging that we should forget the rest of the world and develop some kind of "new consciousness" at home in which we renounce our leadership role in the search for world peace. Isolationism by any name is contrary to the sacrifice of all the American soldiers and sailors who fought and died in this century. Some have been misguided, terribly misguided, in assuming that we can meet our responsibilities in the Mediterranean by opposing Defense Department budgets for research and development for military equipment. The arms we are now providing to Israel were developed despite student attempts to shut down research laboratories working on a defense against known Soviet weapons developments.

There is evidence that the Russians are testing weapons in the Middle East as the Germans did in Spain during the Spanish Civil War of the 1930's. Yet the New Left publishes posters of Guernica, the town bombed by the Nazis, and suggests, in effect, that we do nothing while the Communists prepare what might be a new Guernica for Israel.

It is vital that Israel receive the best available American arms. As expensive as weapons are, they are far cheaper than human life. (more)

We must resist the blandishments of neo-isolationism. When we cease missile research and vote against development of newer and better jets, we lessen our capacity to aid Israel and other nations seeking to survive the onslaughts of aggressors.

In addition to furnishing arms to Israel, we must find a way to reduce the time lag between the original request of Israel for weapons and final delivery. There must be continuity and credibility. Our friends are waiting. Our enemies are watching.

We are now moving in the proper direction. We are improving the readiness of the U.S. 6th Fleet. This is in response to the aggressive and dangerous new Russian role. Our fleet must operate units in all sections of the Mediterranean, including the Eastern Mediterranean. The Navy's moves towards cannot be achieved with ill-advised budget cutbacks.

The pretensions of the Arab extremists are that Israel should make unilateral concessions to gain toleration as a Jewish minority group in some kind of Arab Palestinian state. This is advocated by persons involved in cruelty and bloodletting against fellow Arabs in Jordan, in hijackings, in brutal resort to terrorism, and in collaboration with the Communist bloc of nations. Israel must stand ready for peace, but prepared for war, until the Arabs accept the basis for permanent peace.

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