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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

B'NAI B'RITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THANK YOU, DAVID. (David Blumberg, President,
B'nai B'rith)

AMBASSADOR DINITZ

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

I UNDERSTAND THAT DAVID BLUMBERG IS UNOPPOSED

RAY

THIS YEAR IN HIS CAMPAIGN FOR THE B'NAI B'RITH PRESIDENCY.

DAVID, YOU HAVE TO TELL ME HOW YOU DO IT.

I AM HONORED TO ADDRESS THIS CONVENTION SALUTING

BOTH THE 133rd YEAR OF B'NAI B'RITH AND THE 200th

ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES ~~OF AMERICA~~. YOU, THE SONS

AND DAUGHTERS OF THE COVENANT, HAVE KEPT YOUR COMMITMENT

YODESIM

TO JUDAISM AND TO AMERICA.

AS ONE OF AMERICA'S PIONEER VOLUNTARY AGENCIES,

YOUR SEVEN CANDLES HAVE GENERATED ~~TREMENDOUS~~ LIGHT AND

WARMTH AND LOVE•

~~THE GLOW OF~~ YOUR COMPASSION ILLUMINATES THE

BEST OF OUR NATION'S TRADITIONAL SPIRIT OF VOLUNTARY

SERVICE TO OTHERS•

YOUR DEVOTION TO FAMILY VIRTUES AND VALUES MAKES

ME PROUD TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE GREAT AMERICAN

FAMILY ~~IN~~ WHICH THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IS A CHERISHED

MEMBER.

I HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH B'NAI B'RITH FOR MORE THAN
A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AND ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD THAT YOU ARE
A NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATION. I HAD PREPARED AN
APPROPRIATELY NON-PARTISAN SPEECH FOR THIS MORNING.
BUT WHEN I SAW MY MORNING PAPER I WAS ^{*disappointed*} ~~ASTONISHED~~ TO SEE THAT
ONE OF YOUR SPEAKERS YESTERDAY APPARENTLY KICKED OFF OUR
DEBATES FROM THIS ROSTRUM.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, I ORIGINALLY PROPOSED THAT OUR

FIRST SUBJECT BE DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY AND THAT IT SHOULD BE

yesterday

HELD SEPTEMBER 8th.

MR. CARTER REJECTED THIS ARRANGEMENT.

I GUESS HE DIDN'T WANT ME TO BE PRESENT.

*I'd like my turn at
the plate.*

WELL, I GOT HERE AS SOON AS I COULD.

I HOPE YOU

WON'T OBJECT IF I STEP TO THE PLATE AND BAT FOUR OF

MR. CARTER'S WILDEST PITCHES OUT OF THE BALL PARK.

NUMBER ONE.

THE GENTLEMAN TOLD YOU:

I HAVE CALLED FOR CLOSER TIES WITH OUR TRADITIONAL ALLIES

AND STRONGER TIES WITH THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

I SAY TO YOU: \ ISRAEL IS ONE OF OUR TRADITIONAL ALLIES

AND OUR TIES HAVE NEVER BEEN CLOSER OR STRONGER. AS FOR

OUR OTHER ALLIES, \ THE GENTLEMAN HAS PROPOSED TROOP WITHDRAWALS

FROM WESTERN EUROPE AND KOREA, \ DEFENSE BUDGET CUTS THAT WOULD

CRIPPLE OUR ABILITY TO SUPPLY OR SUSTAIN OUR FRIENDS, \

BANS ON NUCLEAR TESTS BY OUR ALLIES, \ A NUCLEAR STRATEGY OF

"MASSIVE RETALIATION" \ POLICIES WHICH WOULD INVITE A MAJOR

CRISIS WITH ALL OUR ALLIES, \ INCLUDING ISRAEL.

NUMBER TWO.

THE GENTLEMAN TOLD YOU:

I HAVE

STRESSED THE NECESSITY FOR A STRONG DEFENSE

TOUGH AND

MUSCULAR, ADEQUATE TO MAINTAIN OUR FREEDOM UNDER ANY

CONCEIVABLE CIRCUMSTANCES."

I SAY TO YOU: THE GENTLEMAN ON OTHER OCCASIONS HAS
ADVOCATED DEFENSE CUTS OF FIVE TO SEVEN BILLION DOLLARS,
DELAYING OUR STRATEGIC BOMBER PROGRAM, WITHDRAWING
FROM OVERSEAS BASES, AND CUTTING OFF MILITARY AID TO VITAL
ALLIES. I SAY TO YOU, IF WE DO ANY OR ALL OF THESE THINGS
IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE A DEFENSE ADEQUATE TO MAINTAIN
OUR FREEDOM AND THE FREEDOM OF OUR FRIENDS.

FINALLY, I SEEM TO RECALL THAT THE SHEPHERD BOY

DAVID WAS BOTH TOUGH AND MUSCULAR, ~~HE~~ IT'S A GOOD THING

HE ALSO HAD THE MOST ADVANCED WEAPONS SYSTEM OF THAT DAY.

NUMBER 3. \ THE GENTLEMAN TOLD YOU: "WE HAVE

ALLOWED VIRTUALLY UNLIMITED SALES OF U.S. ARMS TO COUNTRIES

AROUND THE WORLD -- A POLICY AS CYNICAL AS IT IS DANGEROUS!

I TELL YOU: MOST OF OUR ARMS SALES AND MILITARY AID
GOES TO KEY COUNTRIES LIKE ISRAEL AND IRAN. I ASSUME
HE IS NOT PROPOSING TO CUT OFF ISRAEL. DOES THE
GENTLEMAN WANT SOVIET ARMS TO HAVE A MONOPOLY IN THE
WORLD? DOES HE WANT OUR ADVERSARIES TO ARM NOT ONLY
THE RADICAL ARABS BUT ALSO THE MORE MODERATE ARABS?

Mr. Carter

DOES ~~THE GENTLEMAN~~ CONSIDER HIS OWN COUNTRY'S

BIPARTISAN POLICIES MORE CYNICAL AND LESS MORAL THAN

THE SOVIET'S?

~~I SAY TO YOU, THIS SOUNDS LIKE EITHER ANOTHER~~

~~MEMORABLE~~

~~TRIP TRAP OR A CONVENIENT LAPSE OF MEMORY.~~



AND NOW BACK TO MY NICE, NONPARTISAN SPEECH.

AS AMERICA CELEBRATES ITS 200th ANNIVERSARY,

THERE IS A NEW MATURITY TO OUR NATIONAL PRIDE.

THERE IS A NEW AWARENESS THAT OURS IS A NATION OF MANY

FAITHS AND DENOMINATIONS - JEWISH, CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT,

AND OTHERS -- ALL EQUALLY HONORED AND ALL EQUALLY SEPARATED

AND PROTECTED FROM GOVERNMENT BY THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE UNITED STATES.

fresh

A NEW OPTIMISM GROWS FROM SELF-CONFIDENCE AND
MUTUAL TRUST, AND FROM A RELIABLE, STABLE, ENDURING
PHILOSOPHY OF GOVERNMENT.

JUST AS B'NAI B'RITH HONORS A SACRED COVENANT,
SO DOES OUR NATION AT HOME AND ABROAD. OURS IS
A COVENANT WITH FREEDOM.

AS DESCENDANTS OF THOSE WHO FOUND SANCTUARY

AND FULLMENT IN THIS GREAT LAND, WE KNOW THAT FREEDOM

IS INDIVISIBLE.

TYRANNY AND TERRORISM ABROAD

ENDANGER FREEDOM AT HOME.

WE ARE OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER.

OUR OWN BICENTENNIAL INDEPENDENCE DAY WAS ENHANCED BY
AN EVENT THAT DAY AN ENTEBBE (EN-TEB-EE) AIRPORT IN UGANDA.

I ~~REFER TO THE DARING RESCUE OF THE HOSTAGES~~.

THAT ACTION OF LIBERATION FREED OUR OWN HEARTS TO
FULLER UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNIVERSAL MEANING OF
INDEPENDENCE + AND THE COURAGEOUS ACTION SOMETIMES
REQUIRED TO PRESERVE IT.

A FREE PEOPLE MUST NEVER CAPITULATE TO TERRORISM.

THAT IS WHY, I LONG AGO ASKED FOR MANDATORY PRISON

SENTENCES FOR AIRPLANE HIJACKERS.

CERTAINTY OF PUNISHMENT PREVENTS CRIME. I HAVE

STRONGLY URGED INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO STAMP OUT TERRORISM

WHEREVER IT MAY OCCUR.

AMERICA HAS ALWAYS BEEN A LAND OF NEW BEGINNINGS.

OUR ANCESTORS, WHO CAME TO THESE SHORES, MADE

A NEW BEGINNING. THEY SAW AMERICA AS A PROMISED LAND.

AS WE APPROACH THE JEWISH NEW YEAR, MANY AMERICANS

know
~~SENSE~~ THAT WE ARE MAKING A NEW START IN OUR NATIONAL LIFE.

SOMETHING WONDERFUL HAPPENED TO AMERICA IN THE LAST

TWO YEARS. TOGETHER, WE ^{*overcame*} ~~TRANSCENDED~~ A TIME OF TORMENT

AT HOME AND ABROAD, MILITARY INVOLVEMENTS AND ECONOMIC

THREATS, ASSASSINATIONS AND WRONGDOING IN HIGH PLACES.

WE RECAPTURED THE SPIRIT OF 1776.

WE BELIEVE ~~NEW~~ IN THE HOPES OF OUR REVOLUTIONARY

FOUNDERS AND OUR IMMIGRANT ANCESTORS. WE FIND NEW

MEANING IN THEIR VISION OF FREE MEN AND FREE WOMEN

ENJOYING LIMITED GOVERNMENT AND UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITY.

WE RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO ~~THE PROPOSITION THAT WE ARE~~
~~RESPONSIBLE FOR~~ THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN OURSELVES.

WE KNOW THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS SOUND.

WE ARE SECURE. WE ARE ON THE MARCH TO FULL ECONOMIC
RECOVERY, AND A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL AMERICANS.

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OBEY THE LAWS. I SEE NO EXCUSE FOR ARBITRARY QUOTAS ON

THE BASIS OF RACE, RELIGION, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN IN

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION.

IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE FOR SOME, WE MUST NOT DO INJUSTICE
TO OTHERS.

OPPORTUNITIES SHOULD BE OPEN TO ALL AMERICANS ON AN
EQUAL BASIS. THAT IS BASIC TO THE FINEST AMERICAN
PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

WHEN I BECAME PRESIDENT TWO YEARS AGO, I PLEDGED TO
BE PRESIDENT OF ALL THE PEOPLE. I RENEW THAT PLEDGE TODAY
AND SUPPORT IT, NOT WITH VAGUE PLANS AND VACILLATING
PROMISES, BUT WITH A PROVEN RECORD OF PERFORMANCE.

TWO YEARS AGO, THE SCENE WAS GRIM. COULD WE MUSTER

THE UNITY AND WILL TO OVERCOME OUR DOMESTIC TURMOIL?

COULD WE STAND UP FOR FREEDOM?

|| WE NOT ONLY COULD *and* WE DID.

TODAY, NOT A SINGLE AMERICAN IS AT WAR ANYWHERE

ON THE FACE OF THIS EARTH.

AMERICA IS AT PEACE AND SEEKS PEACE FOR ALL

COUNTRIES.

LOOK WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE MIDDLE EAST•

THE UNITED STATES HAS HELPED BRING ABOUT A MOMENTUM TOWARDS

PEACE THAT HAS NO PARALLEL IN MIDDLE EAST HISTORY•

EVERY AMERICAN CAN STAND UP WITH PRIDE FOR WHAT THIS

COUNTRY HELPED TO DO. TWO AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED

FOR THE SEPARATION OF FORCES ON THE EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN

FRONTS.

BUFFER ZONES WERE CREATED TO PROTECT AGAINST SURPRISE ATTACK --

AND EVERY WAR BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ITS NEIGHBORS HAS GROWN OUT

OF SURPRISE ATTACK, OR FEAR OF IT.

THE FORCES OF MODERATION -- LEADERS WHO WERE WILLING
TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO THE PEACE PROCESS -- WERE
STRENGTHENED. THE DISRUPTIVE ROLE OF THOSE OPPOSED TO THE
PEACE PROCESS HAS STEADILY DECLINED.

THE UNITED STATES HAS FASHIONED NEW INSTITUTIONS OF

ENERGY COOPERATION WITH ITS MAJOR ALLIES, INCLUDING

CONTINGENCY MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD AGAINST A NEW OIL EMBARGO.

AMERICA'S IMPORTANT CONTACTS WITH THE ARAB WORLD

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SUEZ CANAL, AND THE CLEARING OF THE CANAL FOR INTERNATIONAL

TRAFFIC, GAVE PRACTICAL EVIDENCE OF A TURN TOWARDS PEACE.

THEN, / JUST A YEAR AGO, / CAME THE SINAI AGREEMENT.

~~THIS WAS~~ A DRAMATIC MILESTONE. ~~IT WAS~~ THE FIRST

ARAB-ISRAELI AGREEMENT THAT WAS NOT JUST AN ARMISTICE IN THE

AFTERMATH OF HOSTILITIES. IT WAS A POLITICAL AS WELL AS

MILITARY STEP; / IT WAS INTENDED BY BOTH SIDES AS

A SIGNIFICANT ADVANCE TOWARD PEACE.

IN THAT AGREEMENT BOTH EGYPT AND ISRAEL PLEDGED:

-- THAT "THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THEM AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST

SHALL NOT BE RESOLVED BY MILITARY FORCE BUT BY

PEACEFUL MEANS;"

-- THAT 'THEY ARE DETERMINED TO REACH A FINAL AND JUST
PEACE SETTLEMENT BY MEANS OF NEGOTIATIONS CALLED FOR BY
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 338;' AND

-- THAT THEY WILL "NOT . . . RESORT TO THE THREAT OR USE
OF FORCE OR MILITARY BLOCKADE AGAINST EACH OTHER."

THE DANGER OF WAR AND DESTRUCTION WAS FURTHER REDUCED

FOR BOTH SIDES.

NOT A SINGLE YOUNG ISRAELI OR YOUNG EGYPTIAN HAS SINCE

DIED FIGHTING ~~EACH OTHER~~ IN THE SINAI.

THERE IS NO PRECEDENT FOR THE PROMISE OF LASTING AND

JUST PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH THIS AGREEMENT HAS OPENED

UP. BOTH PRIME MINISTER RABIN AND PRESIDENT SADAT ~~HAILED~~

THE AGREEMENT ~~AS A~~ POSSIBLE TURNING POINT.

believe

is the

PRIME MINISTER RABIN, WHO HAS BEEN MY PERSONAL FRIEND

SINCE HE WAS AMBASSADOR HERE AND I WAS IN CONGRESS,

this
REPORTED TO HIS PARLIAMENT ON JUNE 15:

quote
"I NOTE WITH SATISFACTION THAT DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL HAVE BECOME

CLOSER.

OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE ARRIVED AT A COMMON APPROACH REGARDING

THE DESIRABLE POLITICAL DIRECTION ON THE ROAD TO PEACE AND

IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROCESSES OF PEACE ... THERE HAS BEEN

NO EROSION IN THE POSITION AND THE ATTITUDE OF THE

ADMINISTRATION, THE CONGRESS, AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC,

TOWARDS ISRAEL.

"RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL REMAIN
FIRM ... IT WILL NEVER BE SUPERFLUOUS TO EMPHASIZE AND
RE-EMPHASIZE THE FEELING OF GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION THAT
THE PEOPLE, THE KNESSET AND THE GOVERNMENT IN ISRAEL MAINTAIN
TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS STAND ON ISRAEL'S SIDE.

*end
linguistic*

THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS WILL CONTINUE. THE PROGRESS

MADE HAS WITHSTOOD THE DANGEROUS CONFLICT IN LEBANON,

AND I BELIEVE IT HELPED TO PREVENT THAT TRAGIC WARFARE FROM

SPILLING OVER INTO A WIDER CONFLAGRATION.

I INTEND TO PURSUE FURTHER PROGRESS, BECAUSE IT IS RIGHT
FOR AMERICA, RIGHT FOR ISRAEL, RIGHT FOR THE ARABS,
INDEED, RIGHT FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

I DO NOT PROMISE YOU IT WILL BE EASY.

|| I CAN TELL YOU WHAT I WILL DO.

-- THERE WILL BE NO IMPOSED SOLUTIONS -- BUT AGREEMENTS

WHOSE TERMS ARE HAMMERED OUT BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS

IN THE SINAI AGREEMENT.

-- THERE WILL BE NO ONE-SIDED CONCESSIONS -- BUT

A BALANCED QUID PRO QUO IN EXCHANGE FOR ANYTHING

GIVEN UP.

-- WE WILL PROCEED, ^{as we have} ~~AS WE DID BEFORE,~~ IN THE CLOSEST
CONSTANT CONSULTATION WITH ISRAEL BEFORE, DURING
AND AFTER ANY NEGOTIATIONS.

A STRONG ISRAEL IS ESSENTIAL TO PEACE AND TO THE
NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

FROM THE TIME I FIRST RAN FOR CONGRESS IN 1948, I RECOGNIZED
THE JUSTICE OF ISRAEL'S REBIRTH AND ITS IMPORTANCE TO THE
UNITED STATES.

I AM PROUD TO STAND ON MY CONSISTENT 28-YEAR RECORD
OF SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. YOU ALL KNOW WHERE I STAND.

THE FUNDS I PROPOSED FOR ISRAEL IN MY FIRST TWO BUDGETS

TOTALLED OVER FOUR BILLION DOLLARS FOR 27 MONTHS.

THESE FIGURES SPEAK MORE ELOQUENTLY THAN WORDS.

I AM PROUD THAT MY AMBASSADORS AT THE UNITED NATIONS

HAVE STOOD UP AND SPOKEN OUT FOR THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLE OF

FAIRNESS THAT AMERICANS BELIEVE IN.

I TELL YOU NOW THAT WE WILL FIGHT ANY MEASURE THAT CONDEMNS
ZIONISM AS RACISM OR THAT ATTEMPTS TO DENY ISRAEL HER FULL
RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE UNITED STATES WILL STAND FIRM IN ITS COMMITMENT TO
ISRAEL'S SECURITY AND SURVIVAL.

AMERICA'S POLICY OF PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH HAS PROVEN

ITSELF IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

NOBODY QUESTIONS OUR DEDICATION TO PEACE. AND NOBODY

DOUBTS OUR WILLINGNESS TO USE OUR STRENGTH WHEN AMERICA'S

VITAL INTERESTS ARE AT STAKE.

A STRONG DEFENSE IS THE BEST INSURANCE FOR PEACE.

BUT OUR STRENGTH HAS NEVER RESTED UPON ARMS ALONE.

IT IS ROOTED IN OUR MUTUAL COMMITMENT TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS

OF ETHICS AND MORALITY.

TAKE THE ARAB BOYCOTT FOR EXAMPLE. THIS INVOLVES

BOTH MORAL AND LEGAL QUESTIONS, DOMESTIC AS WELL AS

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. IT IS EASY TO ESCALATE

EMOTIONALLY BUT NOT NEARLY SO EASY TO RESOLVE RATIONALLY.

I OPPOSED ARAB BOYCOTT PRACTICES WHEN I WAS

IN CONGRESS. I HAVE ALWAYS OPPOSED DISCRIMINATION.

AMERICA WAS BORN AS A REFUGE FROM DISCRIMINATION.

AS PRESIDENT, I HAVE TAKEN THE STRONGEST EXECUTIVE
ACTION IN AMERICAN HISTORY AGAINST FOREIGN ECONOMIC
PRACTICES THAT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST AMERICAN CITIZENS.

LAST NOVEMBER I SET FORTH A DETAILED PROGRAM
OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS AND REGULATIONS, NOW IN FORCE,
WHICH PROHIBIT ANY DISCRIMINATION IN EXPORT TRANSACTIONS
BASED ON RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

Out

~~THE UNITED STATES~~ MORAL AND LEGAL OPPOSITION

TO THE ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL HAS BEEN MADE FORCEFULLY

CLEAR NOT ONLY TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS BUT TO THE AMERICAN

BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

THIS CAMPAIGN, TOGETHER WITH CAREFUL DIPLOMACY
AND THE EFFORTS OF INDIVIDUAL U.S. FIRMS, HAS RESULTED
IN THE EASING OF BOYCOTT PRACTICES AND AN EFFECTIVE END TO
OPEN DISCRIMINATION.

THIS MORNING I ~~WANT TO~~ REITERATE MY DETERMINATION TO MAKE

if necessary by legislation
↑
FURTHER PROGRESS SO THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS

AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL ^{*know*} ~~UNDERSTAND~~ THAT I MEAN

BUSINESS.

AND I CAN TELL YOU I WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK FURTHER PROGRESS
ON THE ISSUE OF EMMIGRATION FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

I RAISED IT PERSONALLY WITH GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV.

I HAVE DISCUSSED IT ON MANY OCCASIONS WITH MY COLLEAGUES
IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE, WITH THE DETERMINATION TO RESTORE
THE PRIOR RATES OF EMIGRATION. AS A GOVERNMENT AND AS
A NATION, WE CONTINUE TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED
BY ALL AMERICANS TO THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHT TO LIVE WHERE
ONE CHOOSES.

A MORAL AND ETHICAL GOVERNMENT PROMISES ITS CITIZENS

NO MORE THAN IT CAN DELIVER AND DELIVERS ALL THAT IT

PROMISES. FOR TOO LONG, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN

PROMISED PANACEAS FOR WHICH WE ARE STILL PAYING IN

CREDIBILITY AND IN CASH.

MY RECORD IS ONE OF PERFORMANCE, NOT PROMISES•

MY RECORD IS ONE OF REALISM, NOT RHETORIC•

MY RECORD IS ONE OF EXPERIENCE, NOT EXPEDIENCY•

IN A NATIONAL ELECTION, CANDIDATES WILL NATURALLY

DISAGREE ON POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY. THAT IS WHY I WAS

DELIGHTED WHEN MR. CARTER ACCEPTED MY CHALLENGE FOR

NATIONALLY TELEVISED DEBATES ON THE REAL ISSUES.

IT IS STILL MY FERVENT HOPE THAT THIS CAMPAIGN WILL BE

PURSUED IN KEEPING WITH THE BEST AMERICAN TRADITIONS.

AMERICA HAS NO PLACE FOR THOSE WHO WOULD SET BROTHER

AGAINST BROTHER, GROUP AGAINST GROUP, AMERICAN

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AMERICA DID NOT RISE TO THE HEIGHTS ~~WE HAVE ACHIEVED~~

BY CATERING TO FEAR AND PREJUDICE. WE SUCCEEDED THROUGH

COURAGE, DECENCY, COMMON SENSE -- ~~AND THE COMPELLING~~

~~KNOWLEDGE THAT~~ WE ARE ALL EQUAL IN THE EYES OF GOD.

MY ADMINISTRATION WILL GO ON WORKING FOR A BETTER

WORLD• WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO REASON TO FEAR OUR

ADVERSARIES ABROAD AS LONG AS WE REMAIN STRONG AND

TRUE TO OUR PRINCIPLES• OUR SYSTEM HAS PROVEN ITS

SUPERIORITY IN EVERY WAY• IN REMAINING VIGILANT,

WE MUST NEVER ABANDON OUR VISION OR OUR SPIRITUAL VALUES•

"IN THE WORDS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, "LET US FOLLOW

AFTER THE THINGS WHICH MAKE FOR PEACE", HEEDING STILL,

Encouraging

THE OLD TESTAMENT WHICH ~~TEACHES~~ US ~~TO~~ "SEEK PEACE, AND

PURSUE IT."

AS WE MUST NEVER LOSE OUR VIGILANCE, NEITHER MUST WE

EVER LOSE OUR VISION.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

END OF TEXT

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Susan-

I asked Nell about these
pages that were loose from the Bnai
Brith speech --- they were not used.

Trudy 9/9/76

NUMBER 4. / THE GENTLEMAN TOLD YOU: "THE AMERICAN

GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED TO MAKE SERIOUS EFFORTS TO GET THE
RUSSIANS TO PERMIT GREATER NUMBERS OF PEOPLE TO EMIGRATE
FREELY TO THE COUNTRIES OF THEIR CHOICE, AND I COMMEND
THOSE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OTHERS WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED
A STRONG PERSONAL CONCERN AND COMMITMENT TO THAT GOAL.

I CAN TELL YOU THIS: \ IN THE NEW YORK TIMES OF LAST

Mr. Carter

JULY, ~~THE GENTLEMAN~~ WAS QUOTED AS STATING: "I THINK

THE JACKSON AMENDMENT AND THE STEVENSON AMENDMENT WERE

MISTAKEN. . . . I THINK THE SOVIET UNION WOULD HAVE

BEEN MUCH MORE AMENABLE TO QUIET BUT FIRM DIPLOMATIC

NEGOTIATION THAN THE HIGHLY PUBLICIZED PRESSURE PLACED ON

THE SOVIET UNION BY AN ACT OF CONGRESS. U

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"~~LET US,~~" IN THE WORDS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT,


"let us

"FOLLOW AFTER THE THINGS WHICH MAKE FOR PEACE."

Needing still,

WE MUST ~~SEEK~~ THE OLD TESTAMENT WHICH URGES US ALL

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THE ARAB STATES AND ISRAEL•

PESSIMISM PREVAILED•

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