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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AT YESHIVA
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I COMMEND THIS OUTSTANDING JEWISH INSTITUTION
AND, ESPECIALLY, THE CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST STUDIES.
FROM THE GREATEST TRAGEDY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE
CAME THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT OF THE JEWISH SPIRIT,
THE REBIRTH OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

THIS INSPIRES AMERICANS OF ALL FAITHS. THE JEWISH PEOPLE,

ONCE TRAGIC VICTIMS, TODAY ARE A SYMBOL OF HUMAN

COURAGE, PRIDE, AND UNCONQUERABLE DETERMINATION.

WHEN I THINK OF THE TERRIBLE ATROCITIES OF

WORLD WAR TWO, WHEN I RECALL THAT GRIM AND MOVING DAY

WHEN I VISITED AUSCHWITZ, WHEN I THINK OF THE SIX MILLION

JEWISH MARTYRS AND OTHERS SO BRUTALLY MURDERED ----

I REFLECT ON HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE TO BE CITIZENS OF A COUNTRY
WHICH EXALTS TRUST IN GOD AND THE GOD-GIVEN RIGHTS OF
EVERY PERSON TO LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

I WAS JUST PRESENTED WITH A SMALL LAPEL PIN
INSCRIBED WITH A HEBREW WORD: "REMEMBER."
I WILL REMEMBER.

GOD HAS BLESSED OUR GREAT LAND. WITH
THIS BLESSING GOES A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

AS A FREE PEOPLE, WE MUST REMEMBER THAT THE PRICE OF

FREEDOM IS ETERNAL VIGILANCE. IN OUR LIFETIME, THERE HAS

BEEN MORE THAN ENOUGH TRAGEDY AND TERROR, MORE THAN ENOUGH

FANATICISM AND FEAR.

MY ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO COMBAT

TERRORISM WORLDWIDE. I SHARED THE RELIEF -- AND THE

PRIDE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE LAST JULY 4th WHEN OUR

INDEPENDENCE DAY WAS GIVEN AN ADDED DIMENSION BY THE

HEROIC ISRAELI RESCUE OPERATION IN UGANDA.

JUST AS I AM DETERMINED TO FIGHT TERRORISM
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER
TO FIGHT TERRORISM IN OUR OWN STREETS AND NEIGHBORHOODS
IN NEW YORK AND THROUGHOUT THE NATION. THERE HAVE BEEN
TOO MANY MUGGINGS AND TOO MANY MURDERS.

THE TIME HAS COME TO LOCK UP THOSE WHO MAKE A CAREER OF
CRIME AND TO GIVE THE STREETS BACK TO THE PEOPLE.

WE ARE DEDICATED TO AMERICAN RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

BUT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM MEANS LITTLE IF PEOPLE
CANNOT WALK IN SAFETY TO THEIR SYNAGOGUES AND CHURCHES,
CANNOT FEEL SECURE IN THEIR OWN STREETS AND NEIGHBORHOODS,
AND CANNOT BE SURE THAT SOCIETY IS AS DEVOTED TO THE RIGHTS
OF THE VICTIM AS TO THE RIGHTS OF THE CRIMINAL.

A FREE PEOPLE MUST NEVER CAPITULATE TO TERRORISM,
WHETHER AT FOREIGN AIRPORTS OR IN OUR OWN STREETS.
I AM IN FLATBUSH TODAY TO REAFFIRM THAT
NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES LIKE THIS ARE THE LIFEBLOOD
OF AMERICA.

LET US EXPAND AND ENCOURAGE THE VALUES INHERENT IN OUR

NEIGHBORHOODS AND IN OUR TRADITIONS. AMERICA'S FUTURE

REQUIRES TRADITIONAL COMMON SENSE, NOT RADICAL

EXPERIMENTATION AT YOUR PERSONAL EXPENSE.

WE MUST CHERISH AND PRESERVE OUR RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS, THE

FAMILY, THE HOME AND THE RICH HERITAGE OF MANY CULTURES IN

NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGHOUT AMERICA.

THE UNITED STATES IS SOUND.

WE ARE SECURE.

WE ARE ON THE MARCH TO FULL ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND A BETTER

LIFE FOR ALL AMERICANS.

BUT AMERICA'S SALVATION WILL NOT BE FOUND IN EXPENSIVE

NEW PROGRAMS FINANCED BY YOU WHO PAY THE TAXES AND OBEY

THE LAWS.

IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE FOR SOME, WE MUST NOT DO

INJUSTICE TO OTHERS.

I AM AGAINST ARBITRARY QUOTAS IN HIRING AND

EDUCATION.

INDIVIDUAL MERIT MUST BE REWARDED.

OPPORTUNITIES SHOULD BE OPEN TO ALL AMERICANS ON AN EQUAL

BASIS.

I TODAY RENEW MY PLEDGE TO BE PRESIDENT OF ALL THE

PEOPLE

NOT WITH WILD PROMISES AND VAGUE PLANS

BUT WITH

A PROVEN RECORD OF PERFORMANCE.

THE ARAB BOYCOTT HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE 1952 --

AND I HAVE OPPOSED IT SINCE 1952•

OUR MORAL AND LEGAL

OPPOSITION TO THE ARAB BOYCOTT IS BEING MADE FORCEFULLY CLEAR,

NOT ONLY TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, BUT TO THE AMERICAN BUSINESS

COMMUNITY•

LAST WEEK I ORDERED THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO

MAKE PUBLIC EVERY INSTANCE IN WHICH ARAB BOYCOTT DEMANDS

ARE RECEIVED FROM NOW ON BY AMERICAN COMPANIES•

SUCH DISCLOSURE WILL ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO MONITOR THE RESPONSE

OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY•

I HAVE NOT AND WILL NOT TOLERATE THE TRANSLATION
OF FOREIGN RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE INTO DOMESTIC DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST AMERICAN CITIZENS.

I AM PROUD TO BE THE FIRST PRESIDENT TO TAKE STRONG
EXECUTIVE ACTION TO COMBAT THE BOYCOTT. IN MARCH, 1975,
I INITIATED THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE WHITE HOUSE REVIEW OF THE
BOYCOTT PROBLEM.

MY ACTION LED, IN NOVEMBER, 1975, TO A SERIES OF EXECUTIVE
ORDERS THAT I ISSUED SPECIFICALLY TO COMBAT RELIGIOUS
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AMERICAN CITIZENS•

DURING THE 25 YEARS I SERVED IN THE CONGRESS,
I ACTED -- AS YOU KNOW -- ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS TO BRING
AMERICA'S ATTENTION TO THE PLIGHT OF SOVIET JEWRY•

AS PRESIDENT, I AM PRESSING FOR NEW MOVEMENT ON THE ISSUE
OF EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION. I RAISED THIS
QUESTION PERSONALLY WITH GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV
AND I WILL RAISE IT AGAIN AND AGAIN.

IT IS IMMORAL FOR ANY NATION EITHER TO DOMINATE
OTHER NATIONS OR TO DOMINATE THE RELIGIOUS LIFE AND ELEMENTARY
HUMAN RIGHTS OF ITS OWN CITIZENS.

FROM THE TIME I FIRST RAN FOR CONGRESS IN 1948,

I RECOGNIZED THAT A STRONG ISRAEL IS ESSENTIAL TO THE CAUSE
OF PEACE AND TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES.

I AM PROUD OF MY RECORD. IT IS AS OLD AS THE STATE OF

ISRAEL. YOU KNOW WHERE I STAND.

I STAND FIRM IN MY COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL.

I AM PROUD THAT OUR DELEGATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS
HAS FOUGHT AND WILL FIGHT ANY MEASURE THAT CONDEMNS ZIONISM
AS RACISM OR WOULD DENY ISRAEL HER FULL RIGHTS OF UNITED
NATIONS MEMBERSHIP.

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

MUST DOUBT MY 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 COMMITMENT TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS

OF ETHICS AND MORALITY.

AS PRESIDENT, I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT PEACE IN THE
MIDDLE EAST HAS BEEN ENHANCED BY THE TRUST WE HAVE ELICITED
ON BOTH SIDES. ISRAEL'S FUTURE IS CERTAINLY BRIGHTER
TODAY THAN IT WAS BEFORE I BECAME PRESIDENT.

IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, THE FORCES OF MODERATION
IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE GROWN STRONGER. THE AREA'S
EXTREMISTS AND TERRORISTS ARE ON THE DEFENSIVE.

PRIME MINISTER RABIN, WHO HAS BEEN MY PERSONAL
FRIEND SINCE HE WAS AMBASSADOR HERE WHEN I SERVED IN
CONGRESS, SAID RECENTLY THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR
TWO COUNTRIES ARE AT A PEAK.

THE FUNDS FOR ISRAEL IN MY FIRST TWO YEARS IN
OFFICE TOTALLED OVER 4.3 BILLION DOLLARS.
FORTY PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMERICAN AID TO ISRAEL SINCE
1948 WAS AUTHORIZED DURING THE FORD ADMINISTRATION.

OUR SUPPORT OF ISRAEL -- WITH WEAPONS, NOT WORDS

WAS SUMMED UP BY ISRAEL'S PRIME MINISTER RABIN,

WHO SAID THAT "THE MARGIN BETWEEN WHAT WE WANT AND

WHAT WE GET IS VERY SMALL."

ISRAELI STRENGTH ENHANCES THE PROSPECT FOR PEACE.

I REAFFIRM TODAY THAT, AS WE PURSUE PEACE, THERE

WILL BE NO IMPOSED SOLUTION.

THERE WILL BE NO ONE-SIDED CONCESSIONS•

I HAVE MET WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN AND OTHER

ISRAELI LEADERS IN WASHINGTON SINCE I BECAME PRESIDENT•

IN MY NEXT TERM, I INTEND TO VISIT ISRAEL AND OTHER

MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES WHENEVER SUCH A TRIP WOULD

CONTRIBUTE MOST TO A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT•

MY RECORD AS A FRIEND OF ISRAEL SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

MY RECORD IS ONE OF REALISM, NOT RHETORIC.

MY RECORD IS ONE OF EXPERIENCE, NOT EXPEDIENCY.

MY RECORD IS ONE OF PERFORMANCE, NOT PROMISES.

I RECALL THE TIMELESS QUESTION ASKED BY A GREAT

JEWISH PROPHET.

"WHAT DOETH THE LORD REQUIRE OF THEE,

BUT TO DO JUSTLY, AND TO LOVE MERCY, AND WALK HUMBLY WITH

THY GOD?"

AS I VISIT WITH CITIZENS LIKE YOURSELVES,
AND NEIGHBORHOODS LIKE THIS, I AM REASSURED BY THE GOODNESS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA -- A NATION WHICH STRIVES
TO DO JUSTLY AND TO LOVE MERCY•

LET US WALK HUMBLY TOGETHER, IN BROTHERHOOD, WITH GOD
AS OUR GUIDE•

THANK YOU VERY MUCH . . . SHALOM

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