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September 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH
 MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM: JIM CONNOR

The President has asked that I send you both a copy of Max Fisher's letter to him on the Egyptian/Israeli agreement.

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

By Phone from
Detroit
9/3/75

Dear Mr. President:

My congratulations again on the agreement. I have already obtained indications of complete support from many organizations. The most important of these are: Ed Sanders, President of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, Lewis Cole, Chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, who is both Acting Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and President of the American Jewish Congress, and David Blumberg, President of B'nai B'rith. Copies of telegrams from these individuals are attached for your information. I have received assurances from all of them that their Washington offices will immediately begin working with the Congressional people to support your proposal. Senator Jackson is already backing away from the position he initially took, and I believe we will see more of this.

You may be sure that the American Jewish Community will do all it can to ensure Congressional acceptance of your plan, and the leaders are looking forward to an early meeting with you and Secretary Kissinger to demonstrate their backing for your proposals.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Max M. Fisher

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

cc: General Scowcroft

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12 AMERICAN SECURITY. ALL AMERICANS CAN TAKE PRIDE IN THIS
13 EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION. WILL DO ALL I CAN
14 TO SUPPORT AND HELP IMPLEMENT THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL
15 MANKIND. RESPECTFULLY.
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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD R FORD

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WE WELCOME THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT INITIALED
YESTERDAY BY BOTH SIDES AS A PROMISING STEP ON THE ROAD TO PEACE IN
THAT TROUBLED AREA. WE COMMEND YOU AND SECRETARY KISSINGER ON YOUR
INITIATIVE IN HELPING TO ACHIEVE THE AGREEMENT. WE HOPE THAT IT WILL
PROVE TO HAVE LAID THE GROUND WORK FOR PROGRESS TOWARD THE STABLE
AND JUST PEACE WITH SECURITY THAT HAS BEEN THE GOAL SHARED
CONTINUALLY BY ISRAEL AND UNITED STATES.

LEWIS D COLE CHAIRMAN NATIONAL JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATION ADVISORY
COUNCIL

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TELEGRAM

9/2/75

Dear Mr. President:

We wholeheartedly support your call for the use of American civilians to monitor the new Sinai agreement. A U.S. presence there is essential for progress towards peace in the Middle East and for reducing world tensions.

The fact that small numbers of American civilian technicians will be stationed on both sides--and will be there at the request of both parties--should eliminate any serious apprehension that Americans will be drawn into some future conflict.

American citizens will not be there in any partisan capacity and will not be identified with the cause of either side. Any analogy to America's past involvement or to conflicts in any other part of the world is wholly misleading.

We trust that Congress--recognizing the crucial nature of the American commitments to monitor the agreement, to providing substantial military and economic aid to Israel and to assuring her oil supplies--will take appropriate action to ratify those commitments.

We are grateful for the contributions of our government in bringing about the agreement which carries with it the potential of an historic event for Israel and the Jewish people. If the parties faithfully and honestly carry out their promises and responsibilities the agreement can become the first affirmative step toward bringing genuine peace to the Middle East.

We commend you, Mr. President, and Secretary of State Kissinger for your remarkable and successful diplomatic effort.

Respectfully,

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg
President
American Jewish Congress

The President of
the United States
White House

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23 CONGRATULATIONS ON THE COMPLETION OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT ON THE
24 SINAI. IN ADOPTING THE COURSE FOR PEACE THAT OUR GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN
25 URGING, ISRAEL HAS HAD TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL STRATEGIC CONCESSIONS. IT
26 IS ONLY FITTING THAT ISRAEL SHOULD HAVE THE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY
AID AND CIVILIAN MONITORS TO POLICE THE AGREEMENT. IT WOULD BE
UNTHINKABLE IF THE HARD-WON SECOND STEP TOWARDS A MIDDLE EAST PEACE

6 SHOULD FAIL BECAUSE OF CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL
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8 DAVID M BLUMBERG PRESIDENT B'NAI BRITH INTERNATIONAL
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