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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TOAST IN HONOR OF PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR
STATE DINING ROOM
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Mr. Prime Minister, it has been my pleasure to welcome you to Washington, to renew our own friendship, and to reaffirm the friendship between our two nations.

((They say Washington is a tough town for friendships. You know the old Harry Truman line: If you want a friend in Washington -- get a dog.

Well, Barbara and I did one better -- we got Millie, and she's already supplied a half-dozen new friendly faces in the White House.))

With no disrespect for Harry Truman, old friendships are honored here in Washington -- and ours is proof of that.

The value of these visits goes beyond the meetings of state, to the experience we gain from the time spent among the people of Israel and America. I recall the trips I've made to your country, first in 1979, then in the summer of 1986. I recall the deep longing for peace I found on the part of the people of Israel. I am grateful for your visit now, in the first days of my Administration -- and also because you see Washington in springtime, which some say is its most beautiful season.

The friendship, the alliance, between the United States and Israel is strong and solid -- built upon a foundation of shared democratic values, of shared history and heritage that sustain the moral life of our two countries. The emotional bond of our peoples goes beyond politics. Our strategic cooperation is a source of mutual security, and the United States commitment to the security of Israel remains unshakeable. We may differ over individual policies, but never over this principle.

Mr. Prime Minister, the great unsolved challenge that concerns us both is peace in the Middle East. We know peace is possible. Last month, we marked the tenth anniversary of the Treaty between Israel and Egypt. That treaty was the product of the remarkable courage and leadership of two men. Those qualities -- courage and leadership -- are no less necessary today in the effort to advance the cause of peace in the Middle East, -- to reach a just and peaceful resolution to the Arab-Israel conflict that fulfills the legitimate aspirations of both Israelis and Palestinians alike, and brings the violence to an end.

We also know there is much more to do. Mr. Prime Minister, the discussions we have had -- and those I had earlier this week with President Mubarak -- give me reason to hope that in the Middle East today, there is leadership, courage and vision, capable of transcending the historic animosities that have long stood as obstacles on the path towards peace.

The United States is proud of the role it has played in the search for peace. We know a partnership with Israel in peace can

work. We stand ready today to take another step for the cause of peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Prime Minister and Mrs. Shamir, I raise my glass to the abiding friendship between our two nations, to a just and lasting peace among the peoples of the Middle East, and to life.

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RESPONSE:

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Toast in Honor of Prime Minister Shamir

I have reviewed the draft toast in honor of Prime Minister Shamir and have no policy objections or suggested editorial changes.

cc: James Cicconi



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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER^{SR}
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Toast: Prime Minister Shamir

Pursuant to your request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter. Counsel's Office has no legal objection to the toast as drafted.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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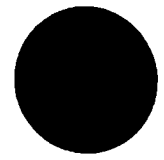
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REMARKS:

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than c.o.b. TODAY, Tuesday, April 4, 1989, with an info copy to my office. Sorry for the short turnaround. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Ok Gordon Wheeler

James W. Cicconi
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April 4, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM CICONI

FROM; DENISE SCHWARZ
OFFICE OF CABINET AFFAIRS

SUBJECT; TOAST IN HONOR OF PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR
LOG #023194SS

We have reviewed the attached and have no comments.

Attachment

cc: Chriss Winston

McGroarty
April 4, 1989
2:00 pm
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(NSC - 9:45 p.m. draft 04/05/89)

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APRIL 6, 1989

1989 APR -5 PM 10:0

Prime Minister Shamir and I have had a very productive meeting. My message to him, and through him to the government and the people of Israel, was clear. We are friends, strategic partners, and allies. The mutual interests that bind together the people of the United States and Israel are broad and deep. The Prime Minister and I dedicated ourselves to maintaining and where possible improving the relationship between our two countries. Both of us are committed to this goal.

Throughout the world, old enemies are finding ways to talk to one another and to end conflicts in a manner that preserves the basic interests of all concerned. This can and must happen in the Middle East. The Arab-Israel conflict can be resolved. Peace, security, and political rights can be attained through direct negotiations. The status quo serves the interests of no one; the occupation status should be ended.

In this spirit, I reiterated to Prime Minister Shamir the resolve of the United States to assist the parties of the Middle East in their pursuit of a comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israel conflict. Our responsibility, as friends and partners in the search for peace, is to help develop approaches that enhance peace prospects. Problems do not resolve themselves; leaders acting with courage and vision solve problems. Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat demonstrated this truth a decade ago at Camp David; today's leaders can afford to do no less.

I reassured the Prime Minister that the fundamental basis of our approach to a Middle East settlement has not changed. The United States is committed to a comprehensive peace achieved through direct negotiations based upon UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. It is our continuing belief that the essential principles guiding such negotiations must include security for Israel, a recognition that the Middle East is home to the people of Israel, and political rights and dignity for Palestinians. These are building blocks for a viable negotiation and for a durable settlement. This is our goal. With regard to final status issues, I reaffirmed to the Prime Minister that we do not support an independent Palestinian state nor Israeli sovereignty or permanent control over the West Bank and Gaza.

To move the peace process forward, I discussed with the Prime Minister -- as I had earlier this week with President Mubarak -- an ambitious but realistic approach. Progress will require meaningful steps to reduce tensions, political dialogue between Israel and Palestinians, and clear indications that all concerned are prepared to think creatively about key substantive issues. Israel has an obligation to contribute to this process, but it cannot be expected to assume the entire burden. The Palestinians, the Arab states, and other interested parties must demonstrate that they too are willing to make peace a reality.

I stressed that no peace process can succeed in a political vacuum. I believe it is in Israel's interest to engage in a serious dialogue with Palestinians. The United States believes

that elections in the territories can be designed to provide Palestinians with the opportunity to freely select their own representatives so that such a dialogue and negotiations could occur. We urge Israel and the Palestinians to arrive at a mutually acceptable formula for elections.

In negotiations, Israel understands that Palestinians will be free to bring their own positions and preferences to the bargaining table. The Prime Minister assured me that Israel is committed to negotiating an agreement on final status that is satisfactory to all sides. He made it clear that interim arrangements on Palestinian self-rule are not the end of the road but form part of a larger process that includes negotiating and concluding an agreement on final status. I expressed the U.S. view that such a process should from the outset include credible assurances for the Palestinians that final status negotiations will address legitimate political rights.

The Prime Minister and I agreed that our governments would remain in close touch to ensure that everything possible is being done to promote the prospects for peace in the Middle East. Speaking for myself and for the American people, I want to assure everyone that the United States is committed to promoting this goal.

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WITH REGARD TO FINAL STATUS ISSUES, I REAFFIRMED TO THE PRIME MINISTER THAT WE DO NOT SUPPORT AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE NOR ISRAELI SOVEREIGNTY OR PERMANENT OCCUPATION OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA.

TO MOVE THE PEACE PROCESS FORWARD, I DISCUSSED WITH THE PRIME MINISTER -- AS I HAD EARLIER THIS WEEK WITH PRESIDENT MUBARAK -- AN AMBITIOUS BUT REALISTIC APPROACH.

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I STRESSED THAT NO PEACE PROCESS CAN SUCCEED IN A POLITICAL VACUUM. I BELIEVE IT IS IN ISRAEL'S INTEREST TO ENGAGE IN A SERIOUS DIALOGUE WITH PALESTINIANS. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT ELECTIONS IN THE TERRITORIES CAN BE DESIGNED TO CONTRIBUTE TO A POLITICAL PROCESS OF DIALOGUE AND NEGOTIATION. WE URGE ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS TO ARRIVE AT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE FORMULA FOR ELECTIONS. AND WE PLAN IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS AHEAD TO WORK TOWARD THAT END.

IN NEGOTIATIONS, ISRAEL UNDERSTANDS THAT PALESTINIANS WILL BE FREE TO BRING THEIR OWN POSITIONS AND PREFERENCES TO THE BARGAINING TABLE. THE PRIME MINISTER ASSURED ME THAT ISRAEL IS COMMITTED TO NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT ON FINAL STATUS THAT IS SATISFACTORY TO ALL SIDES.

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THE PRIME MINISTER AND I AGREED THAT OUR GOVERNMENTS WOULD REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH TO ENSURE THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IS BEING DONE TO PROMOTE THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. SPEAKING FOR MYSELF AND FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I WANT TO ASSURE EVERYONE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO PROMOTING THIS GOAL.

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April 6, 1989

** More changes
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MEMORANDUM FOR G. PHILIP HUGHES

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DIPLOMATIC ENTRANCE, WHITE HOUSE
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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

April 6, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AND PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR OF ISRAEL
UPON DEPARTURE

The South Grounds

12:15 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Well, the Prime Minister Shamir and I have had a very productive meeting. My message to him and, through him, to the government and the people of Israel was clear. We are friends, strategic partners, and allies. And the mutual interests that bind together the people of the United States and Israel are broad and deep. The Prime Minister and I dedicated ourselves to maintaining and, where possible, improving the relationship between our two countries. Both of us are committed to this goal.

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Mr. Prime Minister, we're delighted you're here. The floor is yours, sir.

PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR: Thank you, Mr. President. I am honored to be here today. Let me first, on behalf of the people of Israel and on behalf of my wife and myself, express our warm wishes on your assuming the mantle of leadership of the United States and the free world.

We have cherished your personal friendship and warm humanitarian concern for many years. We shall never forget the help you have extended our brothers and sisters in distress, just as we shall always remember the role the United States has played in our history.

Our alliance is based on common values and shared interests. Our agreements on strategic cooperation and free trade area benefit both countries. They help us continue as a vanguard of democracy in the Middle East. I am confident that under your administration our bonds of friendship and cooperation will grow even stronger.

Our two nations share the values and ideas of the free world and the ideals of democracy and freedom. What we do not share is a neighborhood. For us the carnage in Beirut, the use of poison gas against civilians, and acts of terrorism and fanaticism are not news from afar. For as they are events happening around the corner; they are our daily reality. If there is one mistake Israel cannot afford to make, it is the mistake of forgetting where we live.

I would like to reiterate here what I said to you in private: we shall make the greatest possible efforts to achieve peace, short of endangering the security of our state. We consider the establishment of a Palestinian state west of the Jordan River, which is an objective of the PLO, a mortal threat to our security.

I have assured you that we would sit with anyone, anytime, anywhere, without preconditions if we thought it would advance the cause of peace. But we cannot lend ourselves to any

Second, we call upon the United States and Egypt to make it clear to the Arab governments that they must abandon their hostility and belligerency toward Israel. They must replace political warfare and economic boycott with negotiations and cooperation.

Third, we call for a multinational effort under the leadership of the U.S. and with substantial Israeli participation to finally solve the Arab refugee problem perpetuated by Arab governments while Israel absorbs hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees from Arab countries. All these refugees should have decent housing and live in dignity. This process does not have to await a political solution or to substitute for it.

Fourth, in order to launch a political negotiating process, we propose free democratic elections, free from an atmosphere of PLO violence, terror and intimidation among the Palestinian Arabs of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza. Their purpose is to produce a delegation to negotiate an interim period of self-governing administration. To shape modalities and participation in the elections will have to be discussed. The interim phase will provide a vital test of coexistence and cooperation. It will be followed by negotiations for a permanent agreement.

All proposed options will be examined during these negotiations. This is an outline of our comprehensive plan for peace. It is based on democratic principles. It addresses the real issues. Together, I believe we can achieve these goals.

May God lead us to the right decision. Thank you, Mr. President.

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STATE DINING ROOM
APRIL 6, 1989**

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