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June 12, 1991

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           DAVID DEMAREST  
                  TONY SNOW

FROM:               BETH HINCHLIFFE

SUBJECT:           SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER KEYNOTE ADDRESS

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reunited with loved ones -- and given the opportunity to begin new lives in Israel.

These events remind us that Israel was created as a secure refuge for Jews who face or flee persecution. We've learned the hard lesson that geography alone cannot guarantee security for Israel. We've learned that military power alone cannot guarantee security. Israel and her neighbors will enjoy true and lasting security only when they achieve genuine reconciliation. That's the goal behind the peace initiative I launched three months ago.

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Tonight, I want to return to those essential, basic values and pledge America's eternal vigilance for justice, peace, and human rights throughout the world. As your President, I say:

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<sup>Baker</sup> Now, direct negotiations between Israel and her neighbors no longer seem a distant dream. The process we designed can be the path we take to make that dream a reality. But the first step along that path must be made by the parties in the region. When they agree to launch direct, face-to-face negotiations then we'll be on the way (toward the best, brightest tomorrow we can imagine.)

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Thank you, Jerry. And thank you all for that warm welcome. You know, I don't think there have been so many celebrities in one place since the last Laker game at the Forum.

I'm honored to be here with you -- and especially proud to be with the people who set the tone for this evening -- the courageous Persian Gulf veterans and the Holocaust survivors.

And I'm proud to be here with Pete and Gayle Wilson -- good, true friends of mine -- and of yours. (Jewish activities) It's hard to think of any Governor who's been challenged so deeply by problems from the drought to the deficit. Pete's response has shown tremendous grace under pressure. This state's lucky to have you, Pete.

And from the Simon Wiesenthal Center -- well, what can I say about Rabbi Hier that this reticent, shy man's six press agents haven't already said? When Johnny Carson announced his retirement a couple of weeks ago, and word got around that the King of Los Angeles was going to step down from his throne, I hear that the city cried out with one voice -- "You don't mean that Moish is going to leave?" Seriously, Rabbi -- your vision, conscience, and commitment set a challenge for us all. And thanks to Peter Gruber, the chairman of tonight's event.

Which brings us to our guest of honor -- the only man who could bench-press a Patriot missile launcher. Arnold's a great friend. I had to say that, because he's so tough he can drink the water at the White House with no ill effect. But you know,

Arnold spent a day with us at Camp David -- and that was the day Barbara broke her leg. Then, Arnold spent a day with me at the White House promoting fitness -- and the next day was when I ended up in the hospital. Arnold -- you'll never lunch in my town again. \\ Or, come to think of it, you could be my special emissary to Congress. Talk about "The Terminator."

But honestly, Arnold is a wonderful choice for your National Leadership Award. He embodies the good, true values of this world -- values like caring, and faith, and fairness. I'm honored to be part of your evening. Congratulations.

7:55 p.m.

Tony -

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The attached comments from the General just came in. I've also attached the speech as it has been sent to Brady's office. The comments pertain to material on page 3.

Phil Brady's office is holding the speech until they hear from you. Thanks!

Carol

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*E. Hill*

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*of Israel*  
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We have learned *will* in the modern age *that* geography alone cannot guarantee security and security does not come from military power alone. True and lasting security requires real reconciliation between Israel and her neighbors. The peace initiative which I announced on March 6 is ultimately aimed at that objective.

*more than*  
Secretary Baker has worked tirelessly to follow up. ~~Much~~ progress has been made. Direct negotiations between Israel and her neighbors is now *a very real proposition, not* a distant dream. That is what we have been working so hard to achieve. The remaining issues are not insurmountable if there is political will.

Just as we remember the past with all its pain and suffering so too we must imagine a better, brighter future. The negotiating process which we have designed can be a path to that future. We hope the parties in the region will take the critical first step, and make ~~it possible to launch direct, face to face negotiations.~~ *other, definitive steps toward that future.*

Middle-East insert w/ General Scowcroft's edits.

Thank you  
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**NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL**

June 11, 1991

Per Florence Gantt, attached are the General's comments pertaining to the Simon Wiesenthal Center Dinner Keynote.

Thank you

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(Hinchliffe/Blymire)  
June 10, 1991 1 p.m.  
SIMONW Draft Two

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Sunday June 16, 1991 7 p.m.  
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Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than NOON, Wednesday, June 12, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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These dramatic events remind us that Israel's fundamental purpose is to provide a secure refuge to any Jew confronting persecution.

We have learned in the modern age that geography alone cannot guarantee security and security does not come from military power alone. True and lasting security requires real reconciliation between Israel and her neighbors. The peace initiative which I announced on March 6 is ultimately aimed at that objective.

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There is no room in this country for hate crimes. We must raise our voices and the full force of our law against every hate group, desecrater and demagogue, brown shirt or white sheet. We pledge not to be fooled by a change in disguise -- corruption and inhumanity still lie buried in their hearts.

There is no room in our America for bigotry. We must stand firm against ignorance, racism and discrimination in any form and any place -- in our cities, in our music, in our media, in our minds, in our hearts. And in subtly subversive quota bills. We pledge to point the finger of shame wherever the hatred of bigotry festers -- and to rid our land of it for our children.

There is no room in our America -- and our world -- for anti-semitism. The insidious ugliness of this cancer destroys the human spirit. We pledge to root it out and conquer it wherever it may start to grow.

There is no room in our world for persecution of a people.

We must assure that security of Jewish opportunity and identity is a reality. We pledge to give our hearts and aid to helping Jewish people in despair wherever they may be.

There is no room in our world for persecution of a nation. Israel's survival must be guaranteed. We pledge our unwavering support for her and for our joint goal of just and lasting peace.

There is no room in our world for religious intolerance. We will continue to press the human rights agenda until every oppression of Soviet Jewry has been erased. We pledge never to give up hope -- and never to cease to work for their freedom.

Above all, we must each of us embody in our lives the lesson of this center -- the lesson so brilliantly expressed by its hero, Simon Wiesenthal, who reminds us: "Freedom is not a gift from Heaven. One must fight for it every day." That, my friends, is our final -- and most important -- pledge.

Thank you for the privilege of sharing this evening with you -- and for the warmth of your friendship. May God Bless us all.

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