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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 92 SEP 8 12:01 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: MON. 9/7 10:00 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: B'NAI B'RITH

SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 8 - 11:00 a.m.

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Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 a.m., MONDAY, SEPT. 7, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

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WASHINGTON, D.C.
SEPTEMBER 8, 1992
11:00 A.M.

It is a great honor to be here with you today.

[Acknowledgements.]

We've witnessed a world of change. Across Europe, across continents, from Panama City to Prague, millions of men and women now celebrate a new birth of freedom -- a new world of hope.

With change comes new challenges. For America, the end of the Cold War means the beginning of a new era -- a new era of economic competition that America simply must and will win. We must recognize the new reality about domestic, economic and foreign policies. In our world today, these three topics have become one issue. In order to prevail, the United States must be not only a military superpower, but an economic superpower -- an export superpower as well. //

Yet you and I both know that America is about more than the GNP. Our strength as a people cannot only be measured by per capita income. The state of our American union reflects not simply the productivity of our economy but the character of our society: How well we care for one another, in the wake of natural tragedies like Hurricane Andrew -- in the face of all-too-human tragedies of hate and unreason and violence. This is

what defines us. This is the true measure of what America means, to ourselves -- to the world.

This willingness to reach out, to help those in need -- to recognize across all the divides of color and culture and creed our shared human spirit -- this is what B'Nai B'rith is all about. For 150 years, the members of this organization have served as the nation's conscience. And part of America's conscience must always be to fight anti-semitism wherever and whenever it appears.

I wish that I could stand before you today and say that anti-semitism is history, but it is not. Not when there are hate crimes here and brown shirts abroad. And let's call the thing by its right name -- not neo-Nazis, but Nazis. That's a sorry commentary on human nature.

And let's all be clear: Neither Jew nor Gentiles is safe so long as anti-semitism fosters.

But we're not helpless. And we're doing something about it.
// In this country, we will aggressively employ the Hate Crimes Act to bring to justice those who traffic in the gutter. And I give you this pledge: I will continue to do my utmost, here and abroad, so that this prejudice is finally / finally, finally, banished from the human heart.!

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here and abroad, so that this prejudice is finally, finally, finally, banished from the human heart!

In the end, anti-semitism and prejudice mock and threaten the basic principle upon which the United States is founded. They mock our belief in individual rights and in the human being, created as the Bible tells us, in the image of God. And because of that powerful belief in basic humanity, nothing is more sacred to Americans than the principle of religious liberty.

In the words of George Washington, whose letter we rededicate today: "...the government of the United States... gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution, no assistance.... While everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and figtree, and there shall be none to make him afraid." And here's the difference, the vital difference between this American creed and others. Because for us that freedom of religion is no gift of government -- no privilege to be granted or withheld -- it is a fundamental human right. //

Let's take heart that this American creed is spreading, that people in our time are demanding and getting those rights they have been denied so long. And changes in our world have come so fast that I say they are nothing short of Biblical -- and by that I mean just plain old fashioned miraculous.

Just think about it. Just a few years ago, who would have thought we would no longer live under the threat of nuclear conflagration? Who would have thought the scarring symbol of an era -- the Berlin Wall -- would be found only in museums and

chipped into paperweights? Above all, who would have predicted the Soviet Union would be found only in the pages of history?

And know this: the miracles aren't only confined to Europe. Even in the Middle East, events have defied all the predictions. For today, direct, bilateral talks are taking place between Israel and her neighbors.

You may recall we were told we couldn't succeed -- we couldn't bring the parties together. But we did.

I want to dwell for a moment on this breakthrough, because I know it matters deeply to everyone in this hall. Let me take you back nearly a year ago to another hall, in Madrid. There, gathered around the table were representatives of Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Palestinians -- and Israel. For nearly half a century they had not met outside the battlefield. But for the first time they came together not to fight -- but to talk.

Then, as now, the goal is not just a ceasefire or a truce, but peace, real peace. Not simply the end of war -- but genuine reconciliation. A peace both broad and deep, a peace codified by treaties, and given life by trade and tourism, by open borders -- the fabric of peace knit together even more tightly by the simple human contact of peoples who've known each other far too long as enemies. A comprehensive peace, rooted in Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. A peace that at long last will allow the peoples of the Middle East to turn their energies,

their resources, their lives to creation rather than destruction -- to great works rather than great wars.

Today, as we speak, the parties that met first at Madrid are mid-way through the sixth round of bilateral negotiations. There has been progress. Delegations are exchanging not only handshakes, but for the first time -- written proposals. Public posturing has decreased -- and meaningful private dialogue has increased.

Of course, major hurdles remain. It will take time and effort and courage and trust. But there is clearly a way -- and increasingly, a will.

The evidence is mounting: The many positive steps taken by Israel's new government that improve day-to-day life for Palestinians and signal its seriousness about peace -- Egypt's invitation that made it possible for Prime Minister Rabin to make his first trip outside Israel to an Arab country -- Syria's relaxation of travel restrictions affecting its Jewish citizens. Further gestures, such as an end to the Arab boycott, can only help in bringing about an environment conducive for negotiation and reconciliation.

I am proud of the role we've played in breaking the long-standing taboo against direct talks between Israel and her neighbors. Israel sought direct talks for 43 years -- and it was right to do so. If you do not talk -- you can have no hope of making peace. Now, there is such a hope.

I'm also proud of what we have done to end Israel's diplomatic isolation internationally. Thanks to our efforts, we succeeded -- after 17 years -- in getting the UN General Assembly to repeal what should never have been enacted in the first place.

Zionism is not racism -- not before / not now / not ever. //

And thanks to our efforts, China and India and Turkey and many other nations -- countries representing 2 billion people -- now have full diplomatic relations with Israel. Already this has created not only greater contact for Israel worldwide, but new economic opportunities.

And I know this audience knows of our efforts to open the gates in the former Soviet Union and rescue Ethiopian Jews. Now hundreds of thousands of Jewish men, women and children who only a few years ago lived in fear or neglect in the Soviet Union or Ethiopia now live in Israel, free to live, work and worship as their heart tells them they must.

Persuading parties to talk peace / ending Israel's international isolation / assisting in the in-gathering of Jews into Israel: These are the three great aims that have guided Israel from its founding. And we didn't just talk about helping Israel in these areas -- we delivered. That's a fact of which every American can be proud.

And here's another fact. When the chips were down, when Israel and many other countries were threatened by the most brutal aggression, America was there. We stopped Saddam Hussein.

And that terrible time when the world feared that the Cold War would be replaced by a new age of Saddam -- that's over, too. Let's recall some simple facts. Saddam Hussein's rise to power and aggression were not caused by the United States.

We were not the reason Saddam Hussein was on the verge of acquiring nuclear weapons. We were not the reason Saddam Hussein had 5000 tanks -- or 5000 pieces of artillery -- or the 4th largest army in the world. This was his own doing.

And whatever differences I had with my critics -- and with some would-be revisionists who want to rewrite history -- cannot obscure this fact: After August 2, while my critics stood by and second guessed -- I acted to take care of that threat.

Ask yourself where the Middle East would be today -- where Israel's security would be today -- if we had followed the counsel of my critics. Ask yourself where we would be if we had someone in the Oval Office who would have mattered -- who would have wavered and wanted to have it both ways. Where would we be? I'll tell you: We'd be facing a nuclear-armed Iraq, with a choke-hold on the world's oil supplies -- and threatening Israel's very existence. Israel's very survival would be at stake -- and we'd be talking about whether there was any chance to avoid nuclear Armageddon in the Middle East.

Well, Desert Storm swept away that nightmare and because of America's courage today, we see the dawn of peace.

There is still work to be done. The Middle East -- indeed, the world -- is still a dangerous place. Terrorists continue to

target the innocent. The proliferation of conventional arms as well as weapons of mass destruction casts a cloud over the region's future; Iraq's Saddam Hussein, however much weaker and defeated, still brutalizes his own people and resists the will of the international community. The need for Israel to remain strong is beyond question, and it clearly includes having a defensive capability against missile attack. The importance of that was demonstrated by the Gulf War. And that's the reason that I've proposed to Israel that it participate in our development of a global protection system! So, the need for US-Israeli strategic partnership and cooperation remains stronger than ever.

And we're also going to see that partnership at work this week. Because I am happy to tell you that I am sending to the Congress legislation requesting up to \$10 billion in loan guarantees to aid Israel's government in the absorption of these newcomers. And I know I can count on the support of every one in this room to make sure that this proposal becomes law.

I am glad that Prime Minister Rabin and I were able to reach an understanding on loan guarantees when we met in Kennebunkport last month. He outlined for me the new Israeli government's new priorities, committed to investing in Israel itself, and determined to avoid steps that could hamper progress toward peace. I share that commitment. And, as a result, we will be able to promote peace and welcome new immigrants at one and the same time. Both are humanitarian undertakings; both deserve our

full support. It was important not to choose between them, and I am glad that we are now in a position to promote both objectives.

As for the future, I am confident that on most issues, on most occasions, we and Israel will find ourselves in agreement. I, for one, am committed to revitalizing the tradition of full consultations between the United States and Israel on the entire range of issues affecting stability in the Middle East. I know the Prime Minister shares this commitment. And let me emphasize this point: There will be no surprises.

I pledge to you that we will work hard to keep any divide to a minimum. Our support for Israel and its security is not simply a policy. It is a principle. As I said after Prime Minister Rabin and I met in Maine, this is a relationship based on a shared commitment to democracy and common values, as well as a shared commitment to Israel's security, including its qualitative military edge. This is a special relationship, one specially built to endure.

No doubt there will be times when we disagree. Even friends disagree. Even democratic governments like Israel and the United States disagree. But here's the point: These are disagreements between friends and I emphasize that word, friends.

There may even be issues where you and I will take opposing sides. And things may get hot and words, hurtful words, may be exchanged. // In the past, some remarks of mine were misinterpreted. I have gone on the record expressing my sorrow for any pain this may have caused and I'll go on the record again

-- right here and now again. But let me also express the hope that some of the critics who've been a little quick to use words like "anti-semitism" will also rethink what they've said.

Let's be clear about this: I support, I endorse, and I deeply believe in the God-given right of every American to promote what they believe. It is your right as an individual. It's more than a right. It's a duty as an American citizen. //

But let me also say that it is important that we learn how to disagree. How a debate is conducted in a democracy is not careless, it's a mark of civility and freedom. I hardly need to tell anyone in this room just what anti-semitism is. As my friend Abe Foxman pointed out, to accuse those who may come to different conclusions on one or another public issue of harboring anti-semitism is to cheapen the term. That is dangerous. That is deeply wrong. And when those words, without justice, have been aimed at me -- I can tell you: They cut to the heart. //

But let's put all of this aside now and look to the future. I've talked to you here about my optimism for that future. We come of at a blessed time. The Cold War is over. And Israeli peace talks have begun.

There is another reason to be optimistic. The American people will soon exercise their unbroken two hundred year democratic right to elect a President. And I'm optimistic too about the identity of that new President -- so there I go again in the Harry Truman mode. But, let me leave you with this. However it turns out, commitment to freedom and democracy, to

tolerance and opportunity in America and around the world will not change.

You are members of a community that has long and great tradition of political participation. B'nai B'rith stands for opportunity, for tolerance, for opposing anti-semitism and the ugly face of hate in all its forms. You stand too for stalwart support for America's close friend and ally, Israel.

And, let me simply say that on all these issues, I am proud to stand with you.

Thank you -- and may God bless the United States of America.

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The attached has been forwarded to the President.

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RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

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September 7, 1992
11:00 p.m.
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WASHINGTON, D.C.
SEPTEMBER 8, 1992
11:00 A.M.

It is a great honor to be here with you today.

[Acknowledgements. And let me express my concerns for my good friend Max Fisher, who was to be with us today....]

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Yet we know that America is measured by more than the strength of our economy, but also by the content of our character -- how we serve others.

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I wish that I could stand before you today and say that anti-semitism is history, but it is not. Not when there are hate crimes here at home and brown shirts abroad. That's a sorry commentary on human nature.

Let's all be clear: A world willing to allow Jews to be persecuted is a world certain to allow other tyrannies to emerge.

But we're not helpless. And we're doing something about it.

// In this country, we are aggressively employing the Hate Crimes Act to bring to justice those who traffic in the gutter.
/ Anti-semitism is an evil idea with an ugly history. / I will continue to do my utmost, here and abroad, so that prejudice is finally / finally / finally, banished from the human heart. //

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The evidence is mounting: The many positive steps taken by Israel's new government that improve day-to-day life for Palestinians and signal its seriousness about peace -- Egypt's invitation that made it possible for Prime Minister Rabin to make his first trip outside Israel to an Arab country -- Syria's relaxation of travel restrictions affecting its Jewish citizens.

Further gestures, such as an end to the Arab boycott of Israel, can only help in bringing about an environment conducive for negotiation and reconciliation. I think it's high time to see that boycott ended. //

I am proud of the role we've played in breaking the long-standing taboo against direct talks between Israel and her neighbors. Israel sought direct talks for 43 years -- and it was right to do so. If you do not talk -- you can have no hope of making peace. Now, there is such a hope.

I'm also proud of what we have done to end Israel's diplomatic isolation internationally. Thanks to our efforts, we succeeded -- after 16 years -- in getting the UN General Assembly to repeal what should never have been enacted in the first place.

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And thanks to our efforts, China and India and Turkey and many other nations -- countries representing more than 2 billion people -- now have full diplomatic relations with Israel. Already this has created not only greater contact for Israel worldwide, but new economic opportunities.

And I know this audience knows of our efforts to open the gates to Jews in the former Soviet Union and also to rescue Ethiopian Jews.

You know, four years ago when I spoke to you in Baltimore, I noticed a banner hung on the wall that read: Where do Soviet Jews apply for glasnost?

As I prepared to come here today, I thought of that banner. I thought of the hopes we had then -- and I thought of a pledge I made: That in every single meeting with Soviet officials, I would raise the issue of Soviet Jews. //

My friends, I could not forget that banner -- I did not forget that pledge -- and today, together, we celebrate this miracle: Nearly half a million Jews have come out of the Soviet Union -- to freedom. To America. To Israel. //

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And here's another fact. When the chips were down, when many countries, including Israel, were threatened by the most brutal aggression, America was there. We stopped Saddam Hussein.

And that terrible time when the world feared that the Cold War would be replaced by a new age of Saddam -- that's over, too.

I knew when I took the oath of office, that every President faces difficult decisions -- and there is no decision more difficult than sending this country's young men and women in harm's way. In the end, it comes down to this: You cannot make that kind of decision -- unless you are certain you understand what is at stake.

I knew what was at stake.

And because of the bravery of America's sons and daughters in Desert Storm -- America today is safer. Israel today is safer. //

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Ask yourself where we would be if we had someone in the Oval Office who would have waffled -- who would have wavered and wanted to have it both ways.

Where would we be? I'll tell you: We'd be facing a nuclear-armed Iraq, dominant in the Middle East, with a chokehold on the world's oil supplies -- and threatening Israel's very existence. Israel's very survival would be at stake -- and we'd be talking about whether there was any chance to avoid nuclear Armageddon in the Middle East.

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There is still work to be done. The Middle East -- indeed, the world -- is still a dangerous place. Terrorists continue to target the innocent. The proliferation of weapons of mass destruction casts a cloud over the region's future. Iraq's Saddam Hussein, however much weaker, defeated, and locked in the prison of his own country -- still brutalizes his own people and resists the will of the international community. The need for Israel to remain strong is beyond question, and it clearly

includes having a defensive capability against missile attack. Scud attacks on Israel should have made that clear to everyone. For that reason, I've proposed to Israel that it participate in our development of a global protection system. //

And let me say to you: You ought to take a good, close look at anyone who claims to be a friend of Israel -- at anyone who claims to be serious about Israel's security -- but opposes development of the defenses like GPALS that may be the only effective way for Israel to defend itself against missile attack?
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The point is: The need for US-Israeli strategic partnership and cooperation remains as strong as ever.

And we're also going to see that partnership at work this week. Because I am happy to tell you that I am sending to the Congress legislation requesting up to \$10 billion in loan guarantees to aid Israel's government in welcoming its immigrants. And I know I can count on the support of every one in this room to make sure that this proposal becomes law. / And don't let any Member of Congress tell you we can't afford to do this. We can -- and we must. //

And today, I ask you: Take that message to Capitol Hill.

And believe me, I know that you will. //

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This relationship is important -- especially now, as we enter a new era of uncertainty. Old empires are dying and new nations being born. This is a time when a nation needs to know who it can count on. Israel has a stability of purpose -- a strength of spirit that has seen it through dark days. We know:

Israel will be there for us. Just as we will always be there for Israel. //

No doubt there will be times when we disagree. Even friends disagree. America will have disagreements with Israel -- just as we sometimes disagree with Canada and France and Germany and Britain. Those differences are signs of the durability of our relationship -- of the democratic bonds we share. The point is this: These are disagreements between friends and I emphasize that word, friends.

(There may even be issues where you and I will take opposing sides. And things may get hot and words, hurtful words, may be exchanged. // In the past, some remarks of mine -- remarks made at a press conference -- were misinterpreted. I have gone on the record expressing my regret for any pain this may have caused. Again I make it clear, I support, I endorse, and I deeply believe in the God-given right of every American to promote what they believe. It is your right as an individual. It's more than a right. It's your duty as an American citizen.) //

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Thank you. May God bless the state of Israel -- and may God bless the United States of America.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: B'NAI B'RITH

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(Camp David, 1948 note - as written the statement isn't factual (Kaufman))

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This is a sore spot because of special interest lobby. (Kaufman)

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No doubt there will be times when we disagree. Even friends disagree. Even democratic governments like Israel and the United States disagree. But here's the point: These are disagreements between friends and I emphasize that word, friends.

There may even be issues where you and I will take opposing sides. And things may get hot and words, hurtful words, may be exchanged. // In the past, some remarks of mine were misinterpreted. I have gone on the record expressing my sorrow for any pain this may have caused and I'll go on the record again

-- right here and now again. But let me also express the hope that some of the critics who've been a little quick to use words like "anti-semitism" will also rethink what they've said.

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I pledge to you that we will work hard to keep any divide to a minimum. Our support for Israel and its security is not simply a policy. It is a principle. As I said after Prime Minister Rabin and I met in Maine, this is a relationship based on a shared commitment to democracy and common values, as well as a shared commitment to Israel's security, including its qualitative military edge. This is a special relationship, one specially built to endure.

No doubt there will be times when we disagree. Even friends disagree. Even democratic governments like Israel and the United States disagree. But here's the point: These are disagreements between friends and I emphasize that word, friends.

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tolerance and opportunity in America and around the world, will not change. ✓

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And, let me simply say that on all these issues, I am proud to stand with you. ✓

Thank you -- and may God bless the United States of America.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/4/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: MON. 9/7 10:00 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: B'NAI B'RITH
SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 8 - 11:00 a.m.

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RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

All of the following
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Draft 3
September 4, 1992
9:00 p

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We've witnessed a world of change. Across Europe, across continents, from Panama City to Prague, millions of men and women now celebrate a new birth of freedom -- a new world of hope.

With change comes new challenges. For America, the end of the Cold War means the beginning of a new era -- a new era of economic competition that America simply must and will win. We must recognize the new reality about domestic, economic and foreign policies. In our world today, these three topics have become one issue. In order to prevail, the United States must be not only a military superpower, but an economic superpower -- an export superpower as well. //

Yet you and I both know that America is about more than the GNP. Our strength as a people cannot only be measured by per capita income. The state of our American union reflects not simply the productivity of our economy but the character of our society: How well we care for one another, in the wake of natural tragedies like Hurricane Andrew -- in the face of all-too-human tragedies of hate and unreason and violence. This is

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This willingness to reach out, to help those in need -- to recognize across all the divides of color and culture and creed our shared human spirit -- this is what B'Nai B'rith is all about. For 150 years, the members of this organization have served as the nation's conscience. And part of America's conscience must always be to fight anti-semitism wherever and whenever it appears.

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And we're also going to see that partnership at work this week. Because I am happy to tell you that I am sending to the Congress legislation requesting up to \$10 billion in loan guarantees to aid Israel's government in the absorption of these newcomers. And I know I can count on the support of every one in this room to make sure that this proposal becomes law.

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Thank you -- and may God bless the United States of America.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/4/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: MON. 9/7 10:00 a.m.

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RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
 Ext. 2702

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September 4, 1992
9:00 p

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~~In the end,~~ anti-semitism and prejudice mock and threaten the basic principle upon which the United States is founded. They mock our belief in individual rights and in ~~the~~ human being^S created as the Bible tells us, in the image of God. And because of that powerful belief ~~in basic humanity,~~ nothing is more sacred to Americans than the principle of religious liberty.

In the words of George Washington, whose letter we rededicate today: "...the government of the United States... gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution, no assistance.... While everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and figtree, and there shall be none to make him afraid." And here's the difference, the vital difference between this American creed and others. Because for us ~~that~~ freedom of religion is no gift of government -- no privilege to be granted or withheld -- it is a fundamental human right. //

Let's take heart that this American creed is spreading, that people in our time are demanding and getting ~~these~~ rights they have been denied so long. And changes in our world have come so fast that I say they are nothing short of Biblical -- and by that I mean just plain old fashioned miraculous.

Just think about it. Just a few years ago, who would have thought we would no longer live under the threat of nuclear ~~conflagration?~~^{WAR} Who would have thought the scarring symbol of an era -- the Berlin Wall -- would be found only in museums and

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^{NO} ~~And here's another fact.~~ *I AM PROUD THAT* When the chips were down, when Israel and many other countries were threatened by the most brutal aggression, America was there. We stopped Saddam Hussein.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/4/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: MON. 9/7 10:00 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: B'NAI B'RITH
 SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 8 - 11:00 a.m.

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Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 a.m., MONDAY, SEPT. 7, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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WASHINGTON, D.C.
SEPTEMBER 8, 1992
11:00 A.M.

It is a great honor to be here with you today.

[Acknowledgements.]

We've witnessed a world of change. Across Europe, across continents, from Panama City to Prague, millions of men and women now celebrate a new birth of freedom -- a new world of hope.

With change comes new challenges. For America, the end of the Cold War means the beginning of a new era -- a new era of economic competition that America simply must and will win. We must recognize the new reality about domestic, economic and foreign policies. In our world today, these three topics have become one issue. In order to prevail, the United States must be not only a military superpower, but an economic superpower -- an export superpower as well. //

Yet you and I both know that America is about more than the GNP. Our strength as a people cannot only be measured by per capita income. The state of our American union reflects not simply the productivity of our economy but the character of our society: How well we care for one another, in the wake of natural tragedies like Hurricane Andrew -- in the face of all-too-human tragedies of hate and unreason and violence. This is

what defines us. This is the true measure of what America means, to ourselves -- to the world.

This willingness to reach out, to help those in need -- to recognize across all the divides of color and culture and creed our shared human spirit -- this is what B'Nai B'rith is all about. For 150 years, the members of this organization have served as the nation's conscience. And part of America's conscience must always be to fight anti-semitism wherever and whenever it appears.

I wish that I could stand before you today and say that anti-semitism is history, but it is not. Not when there are hate crimes here and brown shirts abroad. And let's call the thing by its right name -- not neo-Nazis, but Nazis. That's a sorry commentary on human nature.

And let's all be clear: Neither Jew nor Gentiles is safe so long as anti-semitism fosters.

But we're not helpless. And we're doing something about it.

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In the end, anti-semitism and prejudice mock and threaten the basic principle upon which the United States is founded. They mock our belief in individual rights and in the human being, created as the Bible tells us, in the image of God. And because of that powerful belief in basic humanity, nothing is more sacred to Americans than the principle of religious liberty.

In the words of George Washington, whose letter we rededicate today: "...the government of the United States... gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution, no assistance.... While everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and figtree, and there shall be none to make him afraid." And here's the difference, the vital difference between this American creed and others. Because for us that freedom of religion is no gift of government -- no privilege to be granted or withheld -- it is a fundamental human right. //

Let's take heart that this American creed is spreading, that people in our time are demanding and getting those rights they have been denied so long. And changes in our world have come so fast that I say they are nothing short of Biblical -- and by that I mean just plain old fashioned miraculous.

Just think about it. Just a few years ago, who would have thought we would no longer live under the threat of nuclear conflagration? Who would have thought the scarring symbol of an era -- the Berlin Wall -- would be found only in museums and

chipped into paperweights? Above all, who would have predicted the Soviet Union would be found only in the pages of history?

And know this: the miracles aren't only confined to Europe. Even in the Middle East, events have defied all the predictions. For today, direct, bilateral talks are taking place between Israel and her neighbors.

You may recall we were told we couldn't succeed -- we couldn't bring the parties together. But we did.

I want to dwell for a moment on this breakthrough, because I know it matters deeply to everyone in this hall. Let me take you back nearly a year ago to another hall, in Madrid. There, gathered around the table were representatives of Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Palestinians -- and Israel. For nearly half a century they had not met ^{face to face all together, across a table} outside the battlefield. But for ^{at once} the first time they came together ^(Camp David 1949) not to fight -- but to talk. ^{not as written the statement wasn't actual}

Then, as now, the goal is not just a ceasefire or a truce, but peace, real peace. Not simply the end of war -- but genuine reconciliation. A peace both broad and deep, a peace codified by treaties, and given life by trade and tourism, by open borders -- the fabric of peace knit together even more tightly by the simple human contact of peoples who've known each other far too long as enemies. A comprehensive peace, rooted in Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. A peace that at long last will allow the peoples of the Middle East to turn their energies,

their resources, their lives to creation rather than destruction -- to great works rather than great wars.

Today, as we speak, the parties that met first at Madrid are mid-way through the sixth round of bilateral negotiations. There has been progress. Delegations are exchanging not only handshakes, but for the first time -- written proposals. Public posturing has decreased -- and meaningful private dialogue has increased.

Of course, major hurdles remain. It will take time and effort and courage and trust. But there is clearly a way -- and increasingly, a will.

The evidence is mounting: The many positive steps taken by Israel's new government that improve day-to-day life for Palestinians and signal its seriousness about peace -- Egypt's invitation that made it possible for Prime Minister Rabin to make his first trip outside Israel to an Arab country -- Syria's relaxation of travel restrictions affecting its Jewish citizens. Further gestures, such as an end to the Arab boycott, can only help in bringing about an environment conducive for negotiation and reconciliation.

I am proud of the role we've played in breaking the long-standing taboo against direct talks between Israel and her neighbors. Israel sought direct talks for 43 years -- and it was right to do so. If you do not talk -- you can have no hope of making peace. Now, there is such a hope.

I'm also proud of what we have done to end Israel's diplomatic isolation internationally. Thanks to our efforts, we succeeded -- after 17 years -- in getting the UN General Assembly to repeal what should never have been enacted in the first place.

Zionism is not racism -- not before / not now / not ever. //

And thanks to our efforts, China and India and Turkey and many other nations -- countries representing 2 billion people -- now have full diplomatic relations with Israel. Already this has created not only greater contact for Israel worldwide, but new economic opportunities.

And I know this audience knows of our efforts to open the gates in the former Soviet Union and rescue Ethiopian Jews. Now hundreds of thousands of Jewish men, women and children who only a few years ago lived in fear or neglect in the Soviet Union or Ethiopia now live in Israel, free to live, work and worship as their heart tells them they must.

Persuading parties to talk peace / ending Israel's international isolation / assisting in the in-gathering of Jews into Israel: These are the three great aims that have guided Israel from its founding. And we didn't just talk about helping Israel in these areas -- we delivered. That's a fact of which every American can be proud.

And here's another fact. When the chips were down, when Israel and many other countries were threatened by the most brutal aggression, America was there. We stopped Saddam Hussein.

And that terrible time when the world feared that the Cold War would be replaced by a new age of Saddam -- that's over, too. Let's recall some simple facts. Saddam Hussein's rise to power and aggression were not caused by the United States.

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And whatever differences I had with my critics -- and with some would-be revisionists who want to rewrite history -- cannot obscure this fact: After August 2, while my critics stood by and second guessed -- I acted to take care of that threat.

Ask yourself where the Middle East would be today -- where Israel's security would be today -- if we had followed the counsel of my critics. Ask yourself where we would be if we had someone in the Oval Office who would have mattered -- who would have wavered and wanted to have it both ways. Where would we be? I'll tell you: We'd be facing a nuclear-armed Iraq, with a choke-hold on the world's oil supplies -- and threatening Israel's very existence. Israel's very survival would be at stake -- and we'd be talking about whether there was any chance to avoid nuclear Armageddon in the Middle East.

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