

Originally Processed With FOIA(s):

S

FOIA Number:

FOIA MARKER

**This is not a textual record. This is used as an
administrative marker by the George Bush Presidential
Library Staff.**

Record Group/Collection: George H.W. Bush Presidential Records
Collection/Office of Origin: Speechwriting, White House Office of
Series: Grant, Mary Kate, Files
Subseries: Subject File, 1988-1991

OA/ID Number: 13883
Folder ID Number: 13883-004

Folder Title:
Passover Message / Ceremony, 4/4/90

Stack:	Row:	Section:	Shelf:	Position:
G	18	29	1	1

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

April 4, 1990

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT CEREMONY FOR SIGNING OF PASSOVER MESSAGE

The Roosevelt Room

10:50 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Vice President, Mr. Secretary and distinguished guests. Welcome to the White House. Today, we are marking Passover, known as the "Festival of Freedom," a poignant occasion in the year that has seen freedom's lights begin to glow all over the world -- in Eastern Europe, in Central and South America, in Africa, and even in the Soviet Union.

"Let my people go." Those were the words of Moses nearly 4,000 years ago, when the Israelites took the first step on the march from captivity to freedom. All Americans share in the solemn pride of millions of Jewish men, women and children everywhere as they commemorate the Exodus. It was a journey of courage and strength, toward the dream of a better tomorrow.

And today, as well, people all throughout the world have continued that epic journey, a quest, for a new life of liberty and peace. We support them in their struggle for democracy. We admire them for the strength of conviction. And we pray for their success.

This is a special time of rejoicing for the more than 15,000 Soviet Jews who have made their way to Israel this year. We are proud to have lent a helping hand, over the years, to make possible the historic emigration, from the Soviet Union, of those who have long sought to leave. The modern exodus is a great event for all those who delight in human freedom. The United States has worked hard to open up this lifeline. And we will continue to do everything necessary to make it possible for Soviet Jews to get to Israel, including continuing to press for direct and indirect flights. We are glad that so many will celebrate the seder in Israel, and we're going to keep working so that many more can join them.

As we remember the Exodus, it is my deep honor to welcome Zev Raiz to the United States, after 18 years of waiting. Zev -- (Applause.) Zev and Karmella, may you and your children enjoy many years of happiness together in your new home in Israel. For nearly two decades of darkness, you've been a brave symbol for all refuseniks. And we acknowledge and then applaud the dramatic changes that have taken place in the Soviet Union, making possible the emigration of many who have long sought to leave. But we must not -- and I can assure you, we will not forget those who are left behind.

And I'd also like to welcome Natasha Stonov to the White House. I admire the courage and determination that you and Leonid, your husband, have shown through 11 long years of waiting. You have become the voice of the refusenik community, and your steadfast efforts have been invaluable to us as we strive to convince the Soviet leadership to act on its promises.

I regret that another Passover is here with Leonid still in the Soviet Union. I wish that he were here with you in America, so that he, too, could experience the freedoms we enjoy. And we ask that you convey a message to Leonid and all others who still await freedom: They are not forgotten.

The Nobel Laureate -- a friend to so many in this room --

MORE

Elie Wiesel said, "Just as despair can come to one only from other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings." Zev, you have given us hope. For that, we admire you. And together, we look forward to the day when no nation interferes with the faith of any of its people.

So thank you all for being here with us on this very solemn and special occasion. And, once again, I rejoice in your happiness, and we're so pleased you're here. And now I will sign this. (Applause.)

END

10:59 A.M. EDT

stead of a mouth, and ^{7:1 • as} "thou shalt take ^{v. 2} "this rod in thine hand, and returned to thy father-in-law, and said unto him, I pray thee, and return me which *are* in Egypt, and they be yet alive. And Jeth'ro said, Go in peace.

Return to Egypt

^{18:2-5 • Num. 20:8, 9} The LORD said unto Moses, When thou shalt return into Egypt: for all the children of Israel which sought thy life.

And he took his wife and his sons, and rode upon an ass, and he returned into Egypt: and Moses took ^{18:2-5 • Num. 20:8, 9} "the staff of the LORD in his hand.

And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou shalt return into Egypt, see that thou sayest ^{3:20 • miracles • 7:3, 13; 9:12, 35} "wonders" before Pharaoh, and that he shall not let the children of Israel go out of his hand.

And the LORD said unto Pharaoh, ^{2 Cor. 6:18 • Jer. 31:9} "Israel is my son, and I have said unto thee, Let my son go, and he shall not refuse to go: and if thou refuse to let him go, I will slay thy son, and thy daughter."

And Pharaoh said, "I will not let thee go: then she said, ^{11:5; 12:29} "A bridegroom of blood thou art, because of thy son."

And she said, Surely a bridegroom of blood thou art, because of thy son."

And she said, Surely a bridegroom of blood thou art, because of thy son."

And she said, Surely a bridegroom of blood thou art, because of thy son."

And she said, Surely a bridegroom of blood thou art, because of thy son."

And she said, Surely a bridegroom of blood thou art, because of thy son."

And she said, Surely a bridegroom of blood thou art, because of thy son."

And she said, Surely a bridegroom of blood thou art, because of thy son."

And she said, Surely a bridegroom of blood thou art, because of thy son."

And she said, Surely a bridegroom of blood thou art, because of thy son."

CHAPTER 5

c. 1450 B.C.

Pharaoh chides Moses and Aaron

AND afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, ^{3:18 • have a service of worship • 10:9} "Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold ^{2 Ki. 18:35; Job 21:15 • 3:19; 7:14} "a feast unto me in the wilderness."

And Pharaoh said, ^{2 Ki. 18:35; Job 21:15 • 3:19; 7:14} "Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go."

And they said, ^{3:18; 4:24; 7:16 • hold religious service} "The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword."

And the king of Egypt said unto them, ^{loose • get to your work • 1:11; 6:5-7} "Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works? get you unto your burdens."

And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now ^{1:7, 9} *are* "many, and ye make them rest from their burdens."

And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying, ^{vv. 10, 13, 14; 1:11; 3:7} "Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves."

And the ^{1:14} "tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish *ought* thereof: for they *be* idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God."

Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labor therein: and let them not regard ^{quota} "vain words."

And the ^{empty promises} "taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I will not give you straw."

Go ye, get you straw where ye can find it: yet ^{v. 6} not *ought* of your work shall be diminished."

So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw.

And the taskmasters ^{v. 19; any part} "hasted them, saying, Fulfill your works, *your* daily tasks, as when there was straw."

And the ^{urged} "officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and today, as heretofore?"

Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, say-

EXODUS 6

ing, Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants?

There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants *are* beaten; but the fault is in thine own people.

But he said, ^{v. 8} "Ye are idle, ye are idle: therefore ye say, Let us go and do sacrifice to the LORD."

Go therefore now, and work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the ^{number} "tale of bricks."

And the officers of the children of Israel did see ^{reduce} that they *were* in evil case, after it was said, Ye shall not *diminish* *ought* from your bricks of your daily task.

Israel complains; Moses prays

And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh: ^{6:20}

And they said unto them, The LORD look upon you, and judge; because ^{6:9 • you have made us obnoxious to} "ye have made our savor to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us."

And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou ^{Num. 11:11; Jer. 4:10 • done harm} "so evil entreated this people? why is it that thou hast sent me?"

For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou ^{3:8} "delivered thy people at all."

CHAPTER 6

c. 1450 B.C.

The covenant renewed with Moses

THEN the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand ^{12:31, 33, 39} "shall he drive them out of his land."

And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, ^{3:14, 15 • Jehovah} "I am the LORD."

And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by ^{Is. 52:6 • 3:14} the name of God Almighty; but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them."

And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were ^{foreigners} "strangers."

I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant."

Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egypt-

tians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: Deut. 28:8 • with a display of my power

7 And I will take you to me for a people, and "I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. Deut. 4:20 • 16:12

8 And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did "swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I *am* the LORD. Gen. 15:18; 26:3; Num. 14:30; Neh. 9:15

9 And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: "but they hearkened not unto Moses for "anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage. 2:23; 5:21 • shortness

10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

11 "Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land. 4:22, 23

12 And Moses spake before the LORD, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, "who "am of uncircumcised lips? v. 30; 4:10; Jer. 1:6 • is a man

13 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a "charge unto the children of Israel, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt. command

The genealogies of Moses and Aaron

14 These *be* the heads of their fathers' houses: "The sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel; Ha'-noch, and Pal'-lu, Hez'-ron, and Car'-mi: these *be* the families of Reuben. Gen. 46:9; Num. 26:5-11; 1 Chr. 5:3

15 "And the sons of Simeon; Jem'-u-el, and Ja'-min, and O'-had, and Ja'-chin, and Zo'-har, and Sha'-ul the son of a Ca'-naanitish woman: these *are* the families of Simeon. Gen. 46:10; Num. 26:12-14; 1 Chr. 4:24

16 And these *are* the names of "the sons of Levi according to their generations; Ger'-shon, and Ko'-hath, and Me-rar'-i: and the years of the life of Levi *were* a hundred thirty and seven years. Gen. 46:11

17 The sons of Ger'-shon; Lib'-ni, and Shim'-i, according to their families.

18 And "the sons of Ko'-hath; Amram, and Iz'-har, and He'-bron, and Uz'-zi-el: and the years of the life of Ko'-hath *were* a hundred thirty and three years. 1 Chr. 6:2, 18

19 And the sons of Me-rar'-i; Ma'-ha-li and Mu'-shi: these *are* the families of Levi according to their "generations. families

20 And "Amram took him Joch'-e-bed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him

Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram *were* a hundred and thirty and seven years. 2:1, 2; Num. 3:19

21 And "the sons of Iz'-har; Kor'-ah, and Neph'-eg, and Zich'-ri. Num. 16:1; 1 Chr. 6:37, 38

22 And "the sons of Uz'-zi-el; Mish'-a-el, and El-za'-phan, and Zith'-ri. Lev. 10:4

23 And Aaron took him E-lish'-e-ba, daughter of Am-min'-a-dab, sister of Naa'-shon, to wife; and she bare him Nadab, and A-bi'-hu, El-e-a'-zar, and Ith'-a-mar.

24 And the "sons of Kor'-ah; As'-sir, and El-ka'-nah, and A-bi'-a-saph: these *are* the families of the Kor'-hites. Num. 26:11

25 And El-e-a'-zar Aaron's son took him one of the daughters of Pu'-ti-el to wife; and "she bare him Phin'-e-has: these *are* the heads of the fathers of the Levites according to their families. Josh. 24:33

26 These *are* that Aaron and Moses, to whom the LORD said, "Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their "armies. v. 13 • Num. 33:1

27 These *are* they which spake to Pharaoh king of Egypt, "to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt: these *are* that "Moses and Aaron. 5:1 • 32:7; 33:1; Ps. 77:20

28 And it came to pass on the day *when* the LORD spake unto Moses in the land of Egypt,

29 That the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, I *am* the LORD: speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say unto thee.

30 And Moses said before the LORD, Behold, "I *am* of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me? 4:10

CHAPTER 7

c. 1450 B.C.

Moses before Pharaoh

AND the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee "a god to Pharaoh: and "Aaron thy brother shall be "thy prophet. 4:16 • 4:15-16 • Jer. 1:10

2 Thou "shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land. 4:15; Deut. 18:18

3 And "I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and "multiply my "signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt. 4:21 • 11:9 • 4:7

4 But "Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt "by great judgments. 3:19 • 6:6

5 And "the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I "stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them. v. 17 • 3:20

and Moses: and the years of the life of Aaron were a hundred and thirty and three years.

2:1, 2; Num. 3:19

And the sons of Iz'har; Kor'ah, and Dathan, and Zich'ri. Num. 16:1; 1 Chr. 6:37, 38

And the sons of Uz'zi-el; Mish'a-el, and Gershon, and Zith'ri.

Lev. 10:4

And Aaron took him Elish'e-ba, daughter of Am-min'a-dab, sister of Na'aphi'hu, El-e'a-zar, and Ith'a-mar.

And the sons of Kor'ah; As'sir, and Dathan, and Abi'a-saph: these are the sons of the Kor'hites.

Num. 26:11

And El-e'a-zar Aaron's son took him the daughters of Pu'ti-el to wife; and he bare him Phin'e-has: these are the sons of the fathers of the Levites according to their families.

Josh. 24:33

These are that Aaron and Moses, to whom the LORD said, "Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies."

v. 13 • Num. 33:1

These are they which spake to Pharaoh in Egypt, "to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt: these are that Moses and Aaron."

5:1 • 32:7; 33:1; Ps. 77:20

And it came to pass on the day when the LORD spake unto Moses in the land of

Egypt, that the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, "Speak thou unto Pharaoh, king of Egypt all that I say unto thee. And Moses said before the LORD, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?"

4:10

CHAPTER 7

c. 1450 B.C.

Moses before Pharaoh

And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy spokesman.

4:16 • 4:15-16 • Jer. 1:10

And thou shalt speak all that I command thee, and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land.

4:15; Deut. 18:18

"I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt."

4:21 • 11:9 • 4:7

And Pharaoh shall not hearken unto thee, when I lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my chariots, and my children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt, by great judgments."

3:19 • 6:6

And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them."

v. 17 • 3:20

6 And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them, so did they. Gen. 6:22; 7:5

His rod turned into a serpent

7 And Moses was fourscore years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto Pharaoh. Acts 7:23, 30

8 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

9 When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, "Show a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, 'Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent.'"

Is. 7:11; John 2:18; 6:30 • 4:2, 17

10 And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

v. 9 • 4:3; 7:9

11 Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.

Gen. 41:8

12 For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

13 And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

v. 4; 8:15

14 And the LORD said unto Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go."

8:15; 10:1, 20, 27

15 Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand.

2:5

16 And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear.

17 Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.

Rev. 16:4, 6

18 And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink of the water of the river.

v. 21 • v. 24 • not want

19 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.

8:5, 6, 16; 9:22; 10:12, 21.

Plague of blood

20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.

21 And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

v. 18

22 And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had said.

magic

23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also.

and he did not lay even this to heart

24 And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river.

25 And seven days were fulfilled, after that the LORD had smitten the river.

CHAPTER 8

c. 1450 B.C.

The plague of frogs

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

3:12, 18; 4:23; 5:1, 3

2 And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs:

7:14; 9:2 • bring upon • Rev. 16:13

3 And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneading troughs:

Ps. 105:30 • dough bowls

4 And the frogs shall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants.

5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.

7:19

6 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt.

Ps. 78:45

7 And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

7:11, 22 • magic

8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Entreat the LORD, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD.

v. 25; 9:27; 10:16 • v. 28 • v. 15, 29

9 And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Glory over me: when shall I entreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, that they may remain in the river only?

10 And he said, "Tomorrow. And he said, Be it according to thy word: that thou mayest know that *there is none like unto the LORD our God.* Acts 24:25; 26:28 • Jer. 10:6, 7

11 And the *frogs* shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only. v. 13

12 And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses *cried* unto the LORD because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh. v. 30; 9:33; 10:18; 32:11

13 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields.

14 And they gathered them together upon heaps: and the land stank.

15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was *respite*,¹ he hardened his heart, and *hearkened* not unto them; as the LORD had said. Eccl. 8:11 • relief • 7:14 • would not listen

The plague of lice

16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

17 And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and *it became lice* in man, and *in beast*; all the dust of the land became *lice* throughout all the land of Egypt. Ps. 105:31 • upon • gnats

18 And the magicians did so with their *enchantments* to bring forth lice, but they *could not*: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast. magic • Acts 4:16; 2 Tim. 3:8, 9

19 Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's *heart was hardened*, and he *hearkened* not unto them; as the LORD had said. v. 15

The plague of flies

20 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

21 Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of *flies* upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of *flies*, and also the ground whereon they are. Ps. 78:45

22 And *I will sever* in that day the land

of Go'-shen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of *flies* shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I *am* the LORD in the midst of the earth. 9:4, 6, 26 • separate

23 And I will *put* *a division* between my people and thy people: tomorrow shall this sign be. Ps. 111:9; 130:7; Gal. 6:14 • sign of redemption

24 And the LORD did so; and there came a grievous swarm of *flies* into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of *flies*.

25 *And Pharaoh called* for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land. vv. 8, 27, 28; 10:11, 24, 26

26 And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice *the abomination* of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not *stone us*? Deut. 7:25, 26, 12:31 • taboo • kill us

27 We will go *three days' journey* into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command us. 3:18

28 And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: *entreat* for me. 1 Ki. 13:6 • pray

29 And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will entreat the LORD that the swarms of *flies* may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, tomorrow: but let not Pharaoh *deal deceitfully* any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD. vv. 8, 15

30 And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and *entreated* the LORD. v. 12

31 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms of *flies* from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one.

32 And Pharaoh *hardened his heart* at this time also, neither would he let the people go. vv. 8, 15; 4:21; Ps. 52:2

CHAPTER 9

c. 1450 B.C.

The plague on the cattle

THEN the LORD said unto Moses, *Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.* 4:23; 8:1

2 For if thou *refuse to let them go*, and wilt hold them still, 8:2

3 Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: *there shall be a very grievous murrain.* bad sickness

4 And *the* cattle of

5 And the

6 And the

7 And the

8 And the

9 And the

10 And the

11 And the

12 And the

13 And the

14 And the

15 And the

16 And the

17 And the

18 And the

19 And the

20 And the

21 And the

22 And the

23 And the

24 And the

25 And the

26 And the

27 And the

28 And the

29 And the

30 And the

Go'-shen, in which my people dwell, that swarms of flies shall be there; to the end ye mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.

9:4, 6, 26 • *separate*
And I will put a division between my people and thy people: tomorrow shall this be. Ps. 111:9; 130:7; Gal. 6:14 • *sign of redemption*
And the LORD did so; and there came a grievous swarm of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and all the land of Egypt: the land was covered by reason of the swarm of flies.
And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.

vv. 8, 27, 28; 10:11, 24, 26
And Moses said, It is not meet so to us: we shall sacrifice the "abomination" to the LORD our God: lo, we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they stone us? Deut. 7:25, 26, 12:31 • *taboo • kill us*
We will go "three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command us. 3:18

And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, only ye shall sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far: "entreat" for me. 1 Ki. 13:6 • *pray*
And Moses said, Behold, I go out from before the LORD, and I will entreat the LORD that the swarm of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to-morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully more in not letting the people go to the LORD.

vv. 8, 15
And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and entreated the LORD.
vv. 12
And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not

Pharaoh "hardened his heart at also, neither would he let the people go."
vv. 8, 15; 4:21; Ps. 52:2

CHAPTER 9

c. 1450 B.C.

The plague on the cattle

And the LORD said unto Moses, "Go in before Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. 4:23; 8:1

thou "refuse to let them go, and I will send the hand of the LORD is upon thee, and thou shalt be cut off from the earth. 3:20

16 And in very deed for "this cause have I raised thee up, for to show in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth. Rom. 9:17; 1 Pet. 2:9
17 As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt not let them go?
18 Behold, tomorrow about this time I

4 And "the LORD shall "sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all that is the children's of Israel 8:22 • *make a difference*

5 And the LORD appointed a set time, saying, Tomorrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land.

6 And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and "all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one." Ps. 78:50 • *v. 4*

7 And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

The plague of boils

8 And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh.

9 And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be "a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt. Rev. 16:2 • *blisters*

10 And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became "a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast. Deut. 28:27

11 And the "magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians. 8:18, 19; 2 Tim. 3:9

12 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken unto Moses.

The plague of hail

13 And the LORD said unto Moses, "Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. 8:20

14 For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; "that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth. 8:10

15 For now I will "stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth. 3:20

16 And in very deed for "this cause have I raised thee up, for to show in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth. Rom. 9:17; 1 Pet. 2:9

17 As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt not let them go?

18 Behold, tomorrow about this time I

will cause it to rain a very "grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now. heavy

19 "Send therefore now, and gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; for upon every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die. 6, 25

20 He that "feared" the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses: Prov. 13:13 • *or revered*

21 And he that regarded not the word of the LORD left his servants and his cattle in the field.

22 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.

23 And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and "the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. Is. 30:30; Ezek. 38:22; Rev. 8:7

24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. flashing continually

25 And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail "smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field. Ps. 105:33

26 "Only in the land of Go'-shen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail. 8:22; 9:4, 6; 10:23; 11:7; 12:13; Is. 32:18, 19

27 And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.

28 Entreat" the LORD (for it is enough) that there be no more "mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer. Pray to • voices of God

29 And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will "spread abroad my hands unto the LORD; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the "earth is the LORD'S. Is. 1:15 • Ps. 24:1

30 "But as for thee and thy servants, "I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God. 8:29 • Is. 26:10

31 And the flax and the barley was smitten: "for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was "balled. Ruth 1:22; 2:23 • *in bloom*

32 But the wheat and the "rie were not smitten: for they were not grown up. ripe

33 And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and "spread abroad his hands unto the LORD: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth. v. 29; 8:12

34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants.

35 And "the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the LORD had spoken by Moses. 4:21

CHAPTER 10

c. 1450 B.C.

The plague of locusts

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: "for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, "that I might show these my signs before him: v. 27; 9:12; 11:10; 14:4; 4:21; 7:14 • 7:4

2 And that "thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I *am* the LORD. Joel 1:3

3 And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to "humble" thyself before me? "let my people go, that they may serve me. 1 Ki. 21:29; Job 42:6; Jas. 4:10 • bow down • 4:23

4 Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, tomorrow will I bring the "locusts into thy "coast: Prov. 30:27; Rev. 9:3 • country

5 And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field:

6 "And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh. 8:3, 21

7 And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man "be "a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed? bring us trouble • 23:33

8 And Moses and Aaron "were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: "but who are they that shall go? v. 25 • v. 26

9 And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks

and with our herds will we go; "for we must hold a feast unto the LORD.

10 And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look to it; for evil *is* before you.

11 "Not so: go now ye *that are men*, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were "driven out from Pharaoh's presence. vv. 24, 26; 8:25, 27, 28 • dismissed

12 And the LORD said unto Moses, "Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and "eat every herb of the land, *even* all that the hail hath left. 7:19 • vv. 4, 5

13 "And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all *that* night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts. 14:16; Ps. 78:26; 105:34

14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very "grievous *were* they; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such. bad

15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every "herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt. plant

16 "Then Pharaoh "called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, "I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you. 8:8 • hurried to call • 9:27; Num. 22:34

17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and "entreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only. 8:8, 28; 1 Ki. 13:6

18 And he "went out from Pharaoh, and entreated the LORD. 8:30

19 And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them "into the Red Sea; there remained not one locust in all the "coasts of Egypt. 14:2; Joel 2:20 • country

20 But the LORD "hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go. v. 1; 4:21; 11:10

The plague of darkness

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness *which* may be felt.

22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a "thick

darkness in days:

23 They saw any from h all the child dwellings.

24 And Ph said, Go ye, flocks and y little ones a

25 And M also sacrific may sacrific

26 Our ca shall not a of must we

and we kno the LORD, u

27 But th heart, and

28 "And P from me, t no more; fo

thou shalt 29 And I well, I wil

AND th I bri aoh, and

let you go go, he sh altogether

2 Speak and let ev and every

of silver, 3 And in the sig

man Mo Egypt, in

and in th

4 And "About" midst of

5 And Egypt sh aoh that

the first- hind th

beasts. 6 And out all t

none lik 7 "But Israel s

against

with our herds will we go; for we
old a feast unto the LORD.

And he said unto them, Let the LORD
with you, as I will let you go, and
little ones: look to it; for evil is be-
u.

And so: go now ye *that are men*, and
the LORD; for that ye did desire. And
were driven out from Pharaoh's
e. vv. 24, 26; 8:25, 27, 28 • dismissed

And the LORD said unto Moses,
thine hand over the land of
for the locusts; that they may come
in the land of Egypt, and "eat every
the land, *even all that the hail hath*

7:19 • vv. 4, 5

And Moses stretched forth his rod
the land of Egypt, and the LORD
an east wind upon the land all
y, and all *that night*; and when it
orning, the east wind brought the

14:16; Ps. 78:26; 105:34

And the locusts went up over all the
Egypt, and rested in all the coasts
pt: very "grievous *were they*; be-
em there were no such locusts as
either after them shall be such. *bad*

And they covered the face of the whole
so that the land was darkened; and
did eat every "herb of the land, and
fruit of the trees which the hail had
and there remained not any green
in the trees, or in the herbs of the
rough all the land of Egypt. *plant*

Then Pharaoh "called for Moses and
in haste; and he said, "I have sinned
the LORD your God, and against

8:8 • hurried to call • 9:27; Num. 22:34

And therefore forgive, I pray thee,
only this once, and "entreat the
our God, that he may take away
this death only. 8:8, 28; 1 Ki. 13:6

And he "went out from Pharaoh, and
did the LORD.

8:30

And the LORD turned a mighty strong
wind, which took away the locusts,
and "threw them into the Red Sea; there re-
mained not one locust in all the "coasts of

14:2; Joel 2:20 • country

And the LORD "hardened Pharaoh's
heart so that he would not let the children
go.

v. 1, 4:21; 11:10

The plague of darkness

And the LORD said unto Moses,
thine hand toward heaven,
there may be darkness over the land of
even darkness *which may be felt*.

And Moses stretched forth his hand
toward heaven; and there was a "thick

darkness in all the land of Egypt^a three
days: Ps. 105:28 • 3:18

23 They saw not one another, neither rose
any from his place for three days: "but
all the children of Israel had "light in their
dwellings. 8:22, 23 • Job 36:30

24 And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and
said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your
flocks and your herds be "stayed: let your
little ones also go with you: *left behind*

25 And Moses said, Thou must give us
also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we
may sacrifice unto the LORD our God.

26 Our cattle also shall go with us; there
shall not a hoof be left behind; for "there-
of must we take to serve the LORD our God;
and we know not with what we must serve
the LORD, until we come thither. vv. 11, 24

27 But the LORD "hardened Pharaoh's
heart, and he would not let them go. v. 20

28 "And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee
from me, take heed to thyself, see my face
no more; for in *that day* thou seest my face
thou shalt die. v. 11

29 And Moses said, Thou hast spoken
well, I will see thy face again no more.

CHAPTER 11

c. 1450 B.C.

Israel to borrow jewels

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Yet will
I bring one plague *more* upon Phar-
aoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will
let you go hence: "when he shall let you
go, he shall surely thrust you out hence
altogether. 12:31, 33, 39

2 Speak now in the ears of the people,
and let every man "borrow of his neighbor,
and every woman of her neighbor, jewels
of silver, and jewels of gold. 3:21; 12:35 • ask

3 And the LORD gave the people favor
in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the
man Moses was very "great in the land of
Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants,
and in the sight of the people. *prominent*

Death of the first-born threatened

4 And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD,
"About" midnight will I go out into the
midst of Egypt: 12:12, 23, 29 • Mat. 25:6

5 And "all the first-born in the land of
Egypt shall die, from the first-born of Phar-
aoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto
the first-born of the maidservant that is be-
hind the mill; and all the first-born of
beasts. 12:12, 29; Ps. 78:51; 105:36; 135:8

6 And there shall be a great cry through-
out all the land of Egypt, such as there was
none like it, nor shall be like it any more.

7 "But against any of the children of
Israel shall not a dog move his tongue,
against man or beast: that ye may know

how that the LORD doth put a difference
between the Egyptians and Israel. 8:22

8 And all these thy servants shall "come
down unto me, and bow down themselves
unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the
people that follow thee: and after that I
will go out. "And he went out from Phar-
aoh in a great anger. 12:31-33 • 2:11, 12

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, "Phar-
aoh shall not hearken unto you; that "my
"wonders may be multiplied in the land of
Egypt. 3:19; 7:4; 10:1 • 7:3 • great works

10 And Moses and Aaron did all these
wonders before Pharaoh: "and the LORD
"hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would
not let the children of Israel go out of his
land. 10:20, 27; Rom. 2:5; 9:22 • 10:1

CHAPTER 12

c. 1450 B.C.

The passover instituted

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and
Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

2 "This month *shall be* unto you the be-
ginning of months: it *shall be* the first
month of the year to you. 13:4; Deut. 16:1

3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of
Israel, saying, In the "tenth day of this
month they shall take to them every man
a lamb, according to the house of *their*
fathers, a lamb for a house: Josh. 4:19

4 And if the household be too little for
the lamb, let him and his neighbor next
unto his house take it according to the
number of the "souls; every man according
to his eating shall make your count for the
lamb. *persons*

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish,
a male of the first year: ye shall take it
out from the sheep, or from the goats:

6 And ye shall keep it up until the "four-
teenth day of the same month: and the
whole assembly of the congregation of
Israel shall kill it in the evening. Lev. 23:5

7 "And they shall take of the blood, and
"strike it on the two side posts and on the
upper door post of the houses, wherein
they shall eat it. v. 22 • 24:8 • lintel

8 And they shall eat the flesh in that
night, roast with fire, and "unleavened
bread; and with "bitter *herbs* they shall
eat it. Num. 9:12 • 34:25; Deut. 16:3

9 Eat not of it raw, nor "sodden at all
with water, but "roast *with* fire; his head
with his legs, and with the "purtenance
thereof. boiled • Deut. 16:7 • entrails; 29:13, 17, 22

10 "And ye shall let nothing of it remain
until the morning; and that which remain-
eth of it until the morning ye shall burn
with fire. 16:19; 23:18; 34:25

11 And thus shall ye eat it; *with* your
loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and

Grant
March 30, 1990
Draft two/a:passover

BRIEF REMARKS: PASSOVER CEREMONY
THE ROOSEVELT ROOM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
10:30 A.M.

Welcome to the White House. Today, we are marking Passover, known as the "Festival of Freedom," a poignant occasion in a year that has seen freedom's fires begin to burn all over the world - in Eastern Europe, in Central and South America, in Africa, and even in the Soviet Union.

"Let my people go." Those were the words of Moses nearly four thousand years ago, when the Israelites took their first step on the march from captivity to freedom. All Americans share in the solemn pride of millions of Jewish men and women everywhere as they commemorate the Exodus. It was a journey of courage and strength, toward the dream of a better tomorrow.

Today, as well, people all throughout the world have begun an epic journey -- a quest -- for a new life of liberty and peace. We support them in their struggle for democracy. We admire them for their strength of conviction. And we pray for their success.

And as we remember the exodus of the Hebrew people, it is my deep honor to welcome Vladimir Raiz to the United States after eighteen years of waiting. \\ For nearly two decades of darkness, you have been a brave symbol for all refuseniks. We must not -- and we will not -- forget those who remain behind.

Vladimir and Karmella, may you enjoy many years of happiness together in your new home in Israel.

I'd also like to welcome Natasha Stonov to the White House.\\ I admire the courage and determination you and your husband Leonid have shown through eleven long years of waiting. You have become the voice of the refusenik community, and your steadfast efforts have been invaluable to us as we strive to convince the Soviet leadership to act on its promises.

I regret that another Passover is here with Leonid still in the Soviet Union. I wish that he were here with you in America, so that he too could experience the freedoms we enjoy. We ask that you when you return to Leonid and all others who still await freedom, you will convey this message from us: \\ You are not forgotten. \\

As long as one person remains unjustly denied exit permission in the Soviet Union, we will continue our efforts. As long as human rights are not routinely protected in the Soviet Union, we will persist. Until that day, until all are free -- none can be truly free.\\\

The Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel said, "Just as despair can come to one only from other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings." Vladimir, you have given us hope. For that we admire you, and together, we look forward to the day when no nation interferes with the faith of any of its people. Thank you, and God bless you.

#

the day when no nation interferes with the faith of any of its people.

Thank you, and God bless you.

#

Grant
March 30, 1990
Draft one
a:passover

BRIEF REMARKS: PASSOVER CEREMONY
THE ROOSEVELT ROOM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
~~4:30 P.M.~~

10:30 AM

Welcome to the White House. Today, we are marking Passover, known as the "Festival of Freedom," a poignant occasion in a year that has seen freedom's fires begin to burn all over the world - in Eastern Europe, in Central and South America, in Africa, and even in the Soviet Union.

"Let my people go." Those were the words of Moses nearly four thousand years ago, when the Israelites took their first step on the march from captivity to freedom. All Americans share in the solemn pride of millions of Jewish men and women everywhere as they commemorate the Exodus. It was a journey of courage and strength, toward the dream of a better tomorrow.

Today, as well, people all ^{throughout} ~~over~~ the world have begun an epic journey -- a quest -- for a new life ^{of} in liberty and peace. We support them in their struggle for democracy. We admire them for their strength of conviction. And we pray for their success.

And as we remember the exodus of the Hebrew people, ~~we are witnessing another exodus now.~~ It is my deep honor to welcome Vladimir Raiz to the United States after eighteen years of waiting. \\ For nearly two decades of darkness, you ^{have been} ~~served~~ as a ^{brave} ~~tragic~~ symbol ^{for} of all refuseniks. ~~And~~ we must not -- and ^{we} will not

2

-- forget those who are ^{remain} kept behind ~~by the same spurious~~
~~conditions which kept you from your freedom~~

Vladimir and Karmella, may you enjoy many years of happiness together in your new home in Israel. ~~I look forward to welcoming you again in the United States in the near future.~~

~~And~~ I'd also like to welcome Natasha Stonov to the White House. I admire the courage and determination you and your husband have shown through ^{Leonid} ~~the~~ ^{long} ~~eleven~~ ^{of waiting} years ~~you have been in~~ refusal. You have become the voice of the refusenik community, and your steadfast efforts have been invaluable to us as we strive to convince the Soviet leadership to act on its promises.

I regret that another Passover is here with Leonid still in the Soviet Union. I wish that he were here with you in America, so that he too could experience the freedoms we enjoy. We ask that you when you return to Leonid and all others who still await freedom, you will convey this message from us: \\ You are not forgotten. \\

As long as one person remains unjustly denied exit permission in the Soviet Union, we will continue ~~in~~ our efforts.

~~And~~ as long as human rights are not routinely protected in the Soviet Union, we will persist. ^{until we are} ~~Until that day, we will not~~
^{free - none can be truly free.}
~~stop.!!!~~

The Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel said, "Just as despair can come to one only from other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings." Vladimir, you have given us hope. For that we admire you, and together, we look forward to

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

April 4, 1990

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT CEREMONY FOR SIGNING OF PASSOVER MESSAGE

The Roosevelt Room

10:50 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Vice President, Mr. Secretary and distinguished guests. Welcome to the White House. Today, we are marking Passover, known as the "Festival of Freedom," a poignant occasion in the year that has seen freedom's lights begin to glow all over the world -- in Eastern Europe, in Central and South America, in Africa, and even in the Soviet Union.

"Let my people go." Those were the words of Moses nearly 4,000 years ago, when the Israelites took the first step on the march from captivity to freedom. All Americans share in the solemn pride of millions of Jewish men, women and children everywhere as they commemorate the Exodus. It was a journey of courage and strength, toward the dream of a better tomorrow.

And today, as well, people all throughout the world have continued that epic journey, a quest, for a new life of liberty and peace. We support them in their struggle for democracy. We admire them for the strength of conviction. And we pray for their success.

This is a special time of rejoicing for the more than 15,000 Soviet Jews who have made their way to Israel this year. We are proud to have lent a helping hand, over the years, to make possible the historic emigration, from the Soviet Union, of those who have long sought to leave. The modern exodus is a great event for all those who delight in human freedom. The United States has worked hard to open up this lifeline. And we will continue to do everything necessary to make it possible for Soviet Jews to get to Israel, including continuing to press for direct and indirect flights. We are glad that so many will celebrate the seder in Israel, and we're going to keep working so that many more can join them.

As we remember the Exodus, it is my deep honor to welcome Zev Raiz to the United States, after 18 years of waiting. Zev -- (Applause.) Zev and Karmella, may you and your children enjoy many years of happiness together in your new home in Israel. For nearly two decades of darkness, you've been a brave symbol for all refuseniks. And we acknowledge and then applaud the dramatic changes that have taken place in the Soviet Union, making possible the emigration of many who have long sought to leave. But we must not -- and I can assure you, we will not forget those who are left behind.

And I'd also like to welcome Natasha Stonov to the White House. I admire the courage and determination that you and Leonid, your husband, have shown through 11 long years of waiting. You have become the voice of the refusenik community, and your steadfast efforts have been invaluable to us as we strive to convince the Soviet leadership to act on its promises.

I regret that another Passover is here with Leonid still in the Soviet Union. I wish that he were here with you in America, so that he, too, could experience the freedoms we enjoy. And we ask that you convey a message to Leonid and all others who still await freedom: They are not forgotten.

The Nobel Laureate -- a friend to so many in this room --

MORE

Elie Wiesel said, "Just as despair can come to one only from other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings." Zev, you have given us hope. For that, we admire you. And together, we look forward to the day when no nation interferes with the faith of any of its people.

So thank you all for being here with us on this very solemn and special occasion. And, once again, I rejoice in your happiness, and we're so pleased you're here. And now I will sign this. (Applause.)

END

10:59 A.M. EDT

Grant
April 3, 1990
Draft four/a:passover

BRIEF REMARKS: PASSOVER CEREMONY
THE ROOSEVELT ROOM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
10:30 A.M.

Welcome to the White House. Today, we are marking Passover, known as the "Festival of Freedom," a poignant occasion in a year that has seen freedom's lights begin to glow all over the world -- in Eastern Europe, in Central and South America, in Africa, and even in the Soviet Union.

"Let my people go." Those were the words of Moses nearly four thousand years ago, when the Israelites took their first step on the march from captivity to freedom. All Americans share in the solemn pride of millions of Jewish men, women and children everywhere as they commemorate the Exodus. It was a journey of courage and strength, toward the dream of a better tomorrow.

Today, as well, people all throughout the world have continued that epic journey -- a quest -- for a new life of liberty and peace. We support them in their struggle for democracy. We admire them for their strength of conviction. And we pray for their success.

This is a special time of rejoicing for the thousands of Soviet Jews who have made their way to Israel in recent months. We are proud to have lent a helping hand over the years to make possible the historic emigration from the Soviet Union of those who have long sought to leave. The modern exodus is a great event for all those who delight in human freedom. The United

States has worked hard to open up this lifeline; we will continue to do everything necessary to make it possible for Soviet Jews to get to Israel, including pressing for direct and indirect flights. We are glad that so many will celebrate the Seder in Israel. And we are going to keep working so that many more can join them.

As we remember the exodus of the Hebrew people, it is my deep honor to welcome Vladimir Raiz to the United States after eighteen years of waiting. \\ Vladimir and Karmella, may you and yur children enjoy many years of happiness together in your new home in Israel. \\ For nearly two decades of darkness, you have been a brave symbol for all refuseniks. We acknowledge and applaud the dramatic changes that have taken place in the Soviet Union, making possible the emigration of so many. But we must not -- and we will not -- forget those who remain behind.

I'd also like to welcome Natasha Stonov to the White House.\\ I admire the courage and determination you and your husband Leonid have shown through eleven long years of waiting. You have become the voice of the refusenik community, and your steadfast efforts have been invaluable to us as we strive to convince the Soviet leadership to act on its promises.

I regret that another Passover is here with Leonid still in the Soviet Union. I wish that he were here with you in America, so that he too could experience the freedoms we enjoy. We ask that you convey a message to Leonid and all others who still await freedom: \\ They are not forgotten. \\

The Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel said, "Just as despair can come to one only from other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings." Vladimir, you have given us hope. For that we admire you, and together, we look forward to the day when no nation interferes with the faith of any of its people. Thank you, and God bless you.

#

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CLASSIFICATION

CIRCLE ONE BELOW

IMMEDIATE

PRIORITY

ROUTINE

MODE

SECURE FAX # 13

ADMIN FAX #

PAGES

3

DTG 032246Z APR 90

RELEASER RAH

FROM - LOCATION:

1. MARY KATE GRANT

TO - LOCATION - TIME OF RECEIPT:

1. CHRIS WINSTON - DETROIT

2. TOR: 032252Z APR 90

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

INFORMATION ADDRESSEES - LOCATION - TIME OF RECEIPT:

1. _____

2. _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS - REMARKS:

FINAL VERSION WITH
NSC INSERT INCLUDED

SITUATION ROOM

90 APR 3 16:59

WHITE HOUSE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CLASSIFICATION

Grant
April 3, 1990
Draft three/a:passover

BRIEF REMARKS: PASSOVER CEREMONY
THE ROOSEVELT ROOM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
10:30 A.M.

Welcome to the White House. Today, we are marking Passover, known as the "Festival of Freedom," a poignant occasion in a year that has seen freedom's light begin to glow all over the world -- in Eastern Europe, in Central and South America, in Africa, and even in the Soviet Union.

"Let my people go." Those were the words of Moses nearly four thousand years ago, when the Israelites took their first step on the march from captivity to freedom. All Americans share in the solemn pride of millions of Jewish men, women and children everywhere as they commemorate the Exodus. It was a journey of courage and strength, toward the dream of a better tomorrow.

Today, as well, people all throughout the world have continued that epic journey -- a quest -- for a new life of liberty and peace. We support them in their struggle for democracy. We admire them for their strength of conviction. And we pray for their success.

Insert → ~~and~~ As we remember the exodus of the Hebrews, it is my deep honor to welcome Vladimir Raiz [Rye-ease] to the United States after eighteen years of waiting. \\ Vladimir and Karmella, may you and your children enjoy many years of happiness together in your new home in Israel. \\ For nearly two decades of darkness, you have been a brave symbol for all refuseniks. We acknowledge

and applaud the dramatic changes that have taken place in the Soviet Union, making possible the emigration of ^{so} many, ~~who have long sought to leave~~. But we must not -- and we will not -- forget those who remain behind.

~~ASST. SEC. STONOV~~ I'd also like to welcome Natasha Stonov [Stow-nov] to the White House.\\ I admire the courage and determination you and your husband Leonid have shown through eleven long years of waiting. You have become the voice of the refusenik community, and your steadfast efforts have been invaluable to us as we strive to convince the Soviet leadership to act on its promises.

I regret that another Passover is here with Leonid still in the Soviet Union. I wish that he were here with you in America, so that he too could experience the freedoms we enjoy. We ask that you convey a message to Leonid and all others who still await freedom: \\ They are not forgotten. \\

The Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel said, "Just as despair can come to one only from other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings." Vladimir, you have given us hope. For that we admire you, and together, we look forward to the day when no nation interferes with the faith of any of its people. Thank you, and God bless you.

#

From: CROWELL --OEOB
To: NSWFS --CPUA

Date and time 04/03/90 17:49:51

From: Linda Crowell
Subject: Passover Statement

UNCLASSIFIED

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

03-Apr-1990 17:48 EDT

UNCLASSIFIED

MEMORANDUM FOR:

William F. Sittmann

(SITTMANN)

FROM: Linda Crowell
(CROWELL)

SUBJECT: Passover Statement

This is ~~is~~ a special time of rejoicing for the thousands of Soviet Jews who have made their way to Israel in recent months. We are proud to have lent a helping hand over the years to make possible the historic emigration from the Soviet Union of those who have long sought to leave. The modern exodus is a great event for all those who delight in human freedom. The United States has worked hard to open up this lifeline; we will continue to do everything necessary to make it possible for Soviet Jews to get to Israel, including pressing for direct and indirect flights. We are glad that so many will celebrate the Seder in Israel. And we are going to keep working so that many more can join them.

CC: Richard N. Haass

(HAASS)

UNCLASSIFIEDFLASH

CIRCLE ONE BELOW

IMMEDIATE

PRIORITY

ROUTINE

CLASSIFICATION

MODE

SECURE FAX # 12

ADMIN FAX # _____

PAGES

3DTG 032219Z APRRELEASER RAH

FROM/LOCATION

1. BILL SITTMANN

TO/LOCATION/TIME OF RECEIPT

1. JIM CICCONI2. CHRISS WINSTON3. BOB GATES4. TO 032223Z APR 90

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

INFORMATION ADDRES/LOCATION/TIME OF RECEIPT

1. _____

2. _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/REMARKS:

Attached is the insert for Passover Ceremony. It has been cleared by General Scowcroft, Dave Demarest and Richard Haass.

UNCLASSIFIED

CLASSIFICATION

Grant
April 3, 1990
Draft three/a:passover

BRIEF REMARKS: PASSOVER CEREMONY
THE ROOSEVELT ROOM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
10:30 A.M.

Welcome to the White House. Today, we are marking Passover, known as the "Festival of Freedom," a poignant occasion in a year that has seen freedom's light begin to glow all over the world -- in Eastern Europe, in Central and South America, in Africa, and even in the Soviet Union.

"Let my people go." Those were the words of Moses nearly four thousand years ago, when the Israelites took their first step on the march from captivity to freedom. All Americans share in the solemn pride of millions of Jewish men, women and children everywhere as they commemorate the Exodus. It was a journey of courage and strength, toward the dream of a better tomorrow.

Today, as well, people all throughout the world have continued that epic journey -- a quest -- for a new life of liberty and peace. We support them in their struggle for democracy. We admire them for their strength of conviction. And we pray for their success.

*Insert
Attached* → ~~and~~ As we remember the exodus of the Hebrews, it is my deep honor to welcome Vladimir Raiz [Rye-ease] to the United States after eighteen years of waiting. \\ Vladimir and Karmella, may you and your children enjoy many years of happiness together in your new home in Israel. \\ For nearly two decades of darkness, you have been a brave symbol for all refuseniks. We acknowledge

2

and applaud the dramatic changes that have taken place in the Soviet Union, making possible the emigration of many who have long sought to leave. But we must not -- and we will not -- forget those who remain behind.

~~He said~~ I'd also like to welcome Natasha Stonov [Stow-nov] to the White House.\\ I admire the courage and determination you and your husband Leonid have shown through eleven long years of waiting. You have become the voice of the refusenik community, and your steadfast efforts have been invaluable to us as we strive to convince the Soviet leadership to act on its promises.

I regret that another Passover is here with Leonid still in the Soviet Union. I wish that he were here with you in America, so that he too could experience the freedoms we enjoy. We ask that you convey a message to Leonid and all others who still await freedom: \\ They are not forgotten. \\

The Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel said, "Just as despair can come to one only from other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings." Vladimir, you have given us hope. For that we admire you, and together, we look forward to the day when no nation interferes with the faith of any of its people. Thank you, and God bless you.

#

From: CROWELL --OEOB
To: NSWFS --CPUA

Date and time 04/03/90 17:49:51

From: Linda Crowell
Subject: Passover Statement

UNCLASSIFIED

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

03-Apr-1990 17:48 EDT

UNCLASSIFIED

MEMORANDUM FOR:

William F. Sittmann

(SITTMANN)

FROM: Linda Crowell
(CROWELL)

SUBJECT: Passover Statement

Insert

This is ~~is~~ a special time of rejoicing for the thousands of Soviet Jews who have made their way to Israel in recent months. We are proud to have lent a helping hand over the years to make possible the historic emigration from the Soviet Union of those who have long sought to leave. The modern exodus is a great event for all those who delight in human freedom. The United States has worked hard to open up this lifeline; we will continue to do everything necessary to make it possible for Soviet Jews to get to Israel, including pressing for direct and indirect flights. We are glad that so many will celebrate the Seder in Israel. And we are going to keep working so that many more can join them.

CC: Richard N. Haass

(HAASS)