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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 14, 1989

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter dealing with the Middle East. I apologize for not getting back to you sooner, but for reasons you can well imagine it has been a busy time for us all.

I see where "Days of Rage" finally was broadcast on September 6. I expect it will add to the ongoing debate about what is going on in the Middle East and what we should be doing about it. Right now, we have our energies focused most on bringing about an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue on elections and other issues. This may not be as ambitious as some would prefer, but given all the divisions and legacies it is about as much traffic as the bridge can bear.

We are also doing what we can to get back our hostages. Needless to say, it is more often frustrating than not. It appears that our best hope lies in Iran's exerting its influence with those directly holding our people. This is likely to take some time, as things have yet to sort themselves out in Tehran. But then some things cannot be forced.

Again, it was good to hear from you and to get all your news. Take care and all the best.

Sincerely,


John H. Sununu
Chief of Staff

Mr. Wilbur Crane Eveland III



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 11, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNOR SUNUNU

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT 
SUBJECT: Letter From Wilbur Eveland

Some time ago, you received a rather long and angry letter from Wilbur Eveland dealing with a host of Middle East-related issues. Attached at Tab A is a proposed response.

Attachments

Tab A Proposed Response
Tab B Incoming Correspondence



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 7/28/09

FOR: *Bob Gates*

FROM: ANDY CARD *Andy*

☐ Action

☒ Your Comment - *HELP!*

☐ Let's Talk

☐ FYI

You're mentioned on page 3.

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WILBUR CRANE EVELAND III

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Telephone

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July 7, 1989

Honorable John H. Sununu
Chief of Staff to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear John:

Last night I spoke with our old friend Frank Maria at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital and was pleased to find that he is recovering well from his stroke and heart bypass operation. He mentioned expecting a visit from Nancy so this probably isn't news to you. But he will be out of action for a time.

Frank reminded me that he had been involved in Middle East matters for 50 years and conceded that I had been since 1948. This came up in the context of the Likud bloc's meeting on July 5 and how Jim Baker's efforts to bring the Palestinians into local elections had been sabotaged by Ariel Sharon. Presumably Dennis Ross has been coordinating this policy. I hope you will understand that I'm not being bitter when I point out that Ross wasn't born when Frank and I witnessed Yitzhak Shamir's use of terrorism in assassinating Count Folke Bernadotte to ensure that his report to the U.N. Security Council not be implemented.

I date back even further to 1942. The FBI report I sent you proves my involvement in expelling Commander Sergius Martin Riis from Panama. Judge Webster has access to FBI records that prove Riis then went on to participate in forming the Temple Mount Trust to which Sharon is now dedicated. The most recent published evidence of the Zionist's plans to take over the Dome of the Rock and the al-Aksa mosque is contained in a book the Council on Foreign Relations published in 1988: For the Land and the Lord by Ian S. Lustick.

Both Dennis Ross and Assistant Secretary John H. Kelly should read it to help them appreciate that the standards of truth and morality we take for granted don't apply to the zealots who now guide the destiny of the people who merely practice Judaism. You might also dig out the Department of State letter of April 20, 1966 from Assistant Secretary Phillips Talbot to Rabbi Elmer Berger that I sent you and remind President Bush that our government rejects the "Jewish people" concept as a concept of international law.

On July 3 we videotaped a special segment of my oral history for use by the British television group with whom I have been working since March. This fully-documented VHS cassette deals with Vinnelli Corporation's role in providing cover for the Bay

July 7, 1989

of Pigs veterans who, by the time of our involvement in Vietnam, formed the "private enterprise" used by Oliver North for Iran-contra. Secord and Hakim figured prominently in this during the Carter administration but you have to have my Vinnell background to appreciate just how correct Judge Gesell was when he reminded North that he wasn't even a low grade fall guy.

Getting this information to Congress and the public is the real problem and I received an illustration of this today in the May-June issue of the ADC Times. In April, New York's WNYC blocked the airing of "Days of Rage" which is a balanced account of the current Palestinian uprising. The production was then turned over to WNET, a PBS affiliate, for airing in September. It appears that Chloe Aaron, the wife of David Aaron who was a key adviser to Brzezinski, is the obstacle and the issue is that of offending Jewish voters in the New York area. AIPAC has been active in urging its members to contact PBS affiliates, just as Jim Abourezk is trying to mobilize his ADC chapters. That's not an even contest, as Jim Baker found out.

This PBS problem isn't limited to the Middle East. On June 10 Jonathan Kwitny's program was cancelled. It was exposing the Iran-contra-type activities in Central America during the Carter administration. Again, WNET was involved as well as David Aaron personally. Aaron had to know about the roles of Secord and Hakim in the Desert-One fiasco of April 24, 1980. These are things that Presidents Reagan and Bush inherited.

Kwitny mentioned me in his In Search of Enemies about Africa. He and I had the same editor at W. W. Norton and used Ellen Levine as an agent. Yet, Jonathan didn't know about the Vinnell connection when he published his The Crimes of Patriots in 1987. This tells the story of drugs, money laundering, and the CIA in Southeast Asia and accounts for much of the trouble I encountered in Singapore during the 1969-75 period.

These aren't just issues involving Israel and it must be possible to keep the Corporation for Public Broadcasting out of censorship. On March 1, 1988 I had lunch with Donald E. Ludwig at the Tabard Inn in Washington. We discussed the possibility of my appearing on WNET but my contacts there, even mentioning the recommendation of Ludwig, then president and CEO of CPB, came to nothing.

Finally, I have been contacted by an FBI agent from the Boston office and we are meeting next Tuesday here in my apartment to review the documents I have obtained under the Privacy Act since 1977. Whether you or Judge Webster arranged this is not important. The letters I wrote to the SAC in Boston before and after I filed suit in the U.S. District Court during October 1986 contain adequate evidence that the documents fabricated to allege that I was Kim Philby's agent in the mid-1950s and early-1960s can't possibly be true. I'm still living with them!

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I'll retract what I said in my June 24 letter and ask that Robert Gates have Judge Webster obtain a copy of the letter I wrote on May 17, 1986 to Charles E. Wilson, chairman of the CIA's Publications Review Board after he wrote me on February 7, on behalf of DCI Casey. The staff studies involved were sent to Casey through Gates. He was then DDI and hadn't been moved up to DDCI.

If my 10-page letter to Wilson doesn't provide most of the answers to our present Middle East problems, you'll have to wait to read my new Jerusalem the Golden and view the televised documentaries that will promote it.

A copy of this letter is going to Frank Maria for a reason you will remember. Shortly after Sam Phillips died, Frank wrote to invite me to attend the anniversary of the organization he founded long before the NAAA and ADC were ever thought of. You were also present at the speakers' table but I didn't tell you that Frank's letter addressed me as Ambassador Eveland. He, like Sam before he died, took seriously the White House letter of October 23, 1985 signed by McFarlane to thank me for my analytical contributions to the peaceful solution to the TWA hijacking.

George Shultz was then involved with Ed Meese in promoting the \$1 billion Bechtel pipeline from Iraq to Aqaba and Secord was shipping arms to Iran from Tel Aviv in CIA aircraft so I was not even considered as ambassador to Lebanon. Now we have Iraqis supporting the Phalangists, Jack Anderson floating stories about King Hussein's fragile position, and nine Americans still held as hostages. They could be released immediately if the steps I recommended to you last December were implemented. The EEC and President Gorbachev would support us if the United Nations were involved. We haven't tried this since Dwight Eisenhower and Sherman Adams were in the White House. Why not try it again?

Sincerely,

Enclosures


Wilbur Crane Eveland III

Storm Erupts Over "Days of Rage"

Despite scheduling difficulties and lobbying efforts by pro-Israel groups, the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) has notified ADC that it is committed to airing Jo Franklin-Trout's documentary, "Days of Rage: The Young Palestinians," on September 6.

The 90-minute documentary about the Palestinian uprising was originally scheduled for national broadcast on June 5. However, in late April the film's presenting station, New York's WNYC, withdrew its sponsorship.

Presenting stations serve as buffers for other stations when programs are considered controversial. They take responsibility for viewer feedback and provide background information on the subject. In this case, a number of PBS affiliates requested that a presenting station be identified. PBS also stipulated that the presenting station produce a panel discussion to follow the film.

Los Angeles Times television critic Howard Rosenberg reported that WNYC withdrew sponsorship after Chloe Aaron took over as vice president in charge of television. In an April 22 article Rosenberg wrote, "Aaron's decision triggered speculation that she feared WNYC's association with 'Days of Rage' could undermine the station's fund-raising efforts in the New York area, home to 1.7 million Jews. Aaron's office said Friday [April 21] that she was out of the country and could not be reached for comment." WNYC officials maintain that the station never officially became the film's presenter, nor did it intend to be.

However, PBS had already distributed publicity about "Days of Rage" to its affiliates, preparing stations for the June 5 air date through WNYC. The promotional material said the film was part of PBS's "fresh breeze" of summer and an "unprecedented opportunity to hear Palestinians' reasons for the uprising and their point of view concerning reported Israeli repression."

According to *The New York Times*, WNYC's Aaron refused to "broadcast the film under any circumstances, asserting that it was biased." The article quotes Aaron as saying, "It's one-sided. It makes no mention of how the Jews got

to Israel, no mention of the Holocaust, no mention of how the Palestinians treated the Jews nor how Arabs treated the Palestinians. It's a pure propaganda piece that I'd compare to Leni Riefenstahl's 'Triumph of the Will' [a film produced by the Nazi regime]."

In a follow-up column in the *New York Times*, Anthony Lewis called Aaron's comparison of "Days of Rage" to the Nazi-produced film "grotesquely wrong.... The actual tone of the film is indicated by a scene with a young Palestinian woman. A reporter asks, 'What do you hope to accomplish by the intifada?' The woman answers: 'An identity. A land.... We could live together [with Israel] side by side.'"

By mid-April, another station, New York's WNET, stepped forward to become the presenting station. But, because of the time constraints, WNET felt it would not have time to prepare the necessary panel discussion by June 5. In addition, PBS said they preferred to run the program in September when viewership is higher. Given these factors, PBS made the decision to postpone "Days of Rage" until September 6.

When the story first became public, ADC alerted activists of the dispute and urged them to inform stations of their desire to see "Days of Rage" on the air. Membership response was overwhelming, and the PBS national office was reportedly flooded with phone calls and letters about "Days of Rage." PBS then contacted ADC's Director of Media Relations, Faris Bouhafa, to request a meeting to discuss the film and the controversy.

During the meeting, PBS reiterated its position and commitment to air the film in September. In subsequent conversations, ADC has been assured by WNET Director of Public-Affairs Programming Richard Hutton that he is fully behind the film, has no intention of editing it, and is ready to withstand the pressure that would be exerted on the station to cancel it.

On May 10, after much critical press, a public campaign against the program began, with a prominently placed advertisement headlined "WARNING" in *The New York Times*. The ad, placed by

Howard Diamond of Union, New Jersey, quotes a vice president of WNYC describing the film as "pro-Arab, biased, and one-sided propaganda." The ad's stated purpose is to "strongly urge all members of Channel 13 & all supporters of the State of Israel to let Channel 13 know how you feel about their showing of the program."

In turn, ADC alerted its members to counter by supporting WNET's decision to air "Days of Rage."

The film was independently produced and directed by Jo Franklin-Trout, an experienced documentary filmmaker whose previous films were all aired on PBS. Already shown abroad, "Days of Rage" was filmed last June in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and finished last September.

Franklin-Trout defends her film, saying that PBS has shown many point-of-view and personal-account films and that many Israeli voices add perspective to "Days of Rage." Half of those interviewed in the film are Israelis, all of whom oppose Israeli government policy and actions. "If the anticipation was that the Jewish community in America would be offended, that's a demeaning attitude; they've been the most stalwart defendants of freedom of expression," Franklin-Trout said.

Rosenberg called the documentary "a powerful, well-made program that conveys a message expressed in fragments on newscasts but never before presented on American TV as a documentary-length statement without rebuttal."

WNET's Hutton said, "We thought it had a terrific evocation of an important point of view that doesn't get on American television."

Most recently, ADC learned that "Days of Rage" was high on the agenda at the May convention of AIPAC in Washington. While AIPAC conceded that it can do nothing to dissuade PBS from airing the program, AIPAC members were urged to contact their local PBS affiliates to voice their opposition to the film.

ADC members should continue to support the airing of "Days of Rage" by contacting their local PBS stations. ■



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APPENDIX B



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 20, 1964

Dear Mr. Berger:

We have carefully studied your letter of March 14, 1964, drawing the Department of State's attention to the "sui generis" character of 'the Jewish people' concept," and urging clarification of the Department's views with respect to the "'Jewish people' claim." You state: "The central point is that the Zionist-Israeli sovereignty uses 'the Jewish people' concept as the basic juridical claim directed against the Jews in states other than Israel who insist upon maintaining their single nationality status." "Its principal function," you state, "is to change the legal status of Jews from that of individual nationals of Jewish religious faith to members of a juridically recognized trans-national nationality group with additional 'rights' and obligations to the Zionist-Israeli sovereignty. The core of 'the Jewish people' concept is its nationality characteristics..."

The Department of State recognizes the State of Israel as a sovereign State and citizenship of the State of Israel. It recognizes no other sovereignty or citizenship in connection therewith. It does not recognize a legal-political relationship based upon the religious identification of American citizens. It does not in any way discriminate among American citizens upon the basis of their religion.

Accordingly, it should be clear that the Department of State does not regard the "Jewish people" concept as a concept of international law.

I remain doubtful that a formal meeting of the type you describe would lead to useful results. As in the past, however, appropriate officers of the Department will be willing to discuss any problem that may arise and the Department will always be happy to continue the dialogue whenever occasion warrants.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phillips Talbot".

Phillips Talbot
Assistant Secretary

Mr. Elmer Berger,
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New York, New York.