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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8833702

Date November 23, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Ronald Reagan
From: Dr. Melvin E. Clouse
Date: October 24, 1988
Subject: Regarding Granting of Diplomatic Immunity to Israeli
Military Procurement Office.

WH Referral Dated: November 9, 1988
NSC ID# (if any): 615596

 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

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cited below.
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 Other (see remarks).

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 21, 1988

Melvin E. Clouse, M.D.
53 Seaver Street
Brookline, MA 02146

Dear Dr. Clouse:

I am responding on behalf of President Reagan to your letter of October 24 regarding the issue of granting diplomatic immunity to personnel of the Israeli Defense Procurement Mission in New York.

For more than forty years, Israel has maintained a mission in New York that conducts military procurement and related activities. That mission has long been headed by an accredited diplomat, but the status of the mission itself and its other employees has not been clearly settled. Other governments conduct similar military procurement in the United States through embassy personnel with full diplomatic immunities (e.g., Egypt, Pakistan, France, Brazil). Several years ago, Israel requested that its procurement personnel in New York be accorded privileges and immunities comparable to those of these other governments. Because Israel's mission is in New York and not Washington, Israel requested that its mission be made a consular annex and the mission personnel be accredited as consular officers or employees.

The consideration of this request was held in abeyance while the Department of Justice investigated allegations that the Israeli procurement mission was involved in violations of United States export laws. Earlier this year Justice advised the Government of Israel that these investigations had been terminated for insufficient evidence. Israel then renewed its request.

Secretary Shultz has decided to grant that request. Israel's procurement mission will be considered an annex to the Israeli Consulate General in New York. Up to 45 members of the mission will be accredited as consular officers or employees. The remainder will have no privileges and immunities. Similarly, the Israeli economic and trade mission in New York will be made an annex of the Consulate General, with up to 10 members accredited as consular officers or employees.

Sincerely,


John L. Hirsch, Director

Office of Israel and Arab-Israeli Affairs

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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. MELVIN E. CLOUSE M. D.
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SUBJECT: REGARDING GRANTING OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY
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53 SEAVER ST.

BROOKLINE, MA 02146

October 24, 1988

S. Kelley

President Ronald Reagan
Office of the President of the United States
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. President:

I read with dismay the announcement that the State Department had granted diplomatic immunity to the Israeli Military Procurement Office in New York. As you know, this office has been "suspected" by U.S. investigators of being involved in illegal export of weapons technology. I am also sure that you are aware that nuclear material has been illegally exported to Israel, hence their development of nuclear weapons.

This decision, I believe, is unprecedented in the fact that no other foreign government has diplomatic immunity for its arms buyers. This unprecedented decision has caused me to finally write a letter asking for an explanation which is even broader and more deep than diplomatic immunity for arms buyers. It is well known that the United States gives in aid, outright grants somewhere in the range of four billion dollars per year to Israel. This, as far as I can guess, is somewhere in the range of \$6000 per Israeli Jewish citizen since Arabs are not legally citizens of Israel and are de facto displaced persons even in areas other than the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. I will not cite all of the Israeli human rights violations since this would take several pages; however, I will enclose an article published by Dr. Shaw Dallal, in addition to an editorial from the New York Times, September 4, 1988 by Tony Lewis, the other a recount of the 1948 killing in Israel of Count Folke Bernadotte by an Israeli terrorist group, the Stern Gang, which was headed by the now Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and a letter written to and published by the New York Times in 1948 signed by all prominent Jewish leaders in the US at the time.

It is known by every citizen in the United States that it is an illegal act of the US government for the State Department to grant aid to countries that flagrantly violate human rights, much less to have a nation such as the United State give diplomatic immunity to their arms buyers (or their merchants of death).

In case you are not aware, I would suggest you, Mr. Shultz and indeed all of our legislators read several books, most of which have not been reviewed by major news magazines such as the New York Times or other "liberal" newspapers since every effort was made to suppress their publication by the Zionist lobby! They are: "The Birth of Israel" by Simha Flapan, Pantheon Books, 1987, "Fateful Triangle" by Noam Chomsky, South End Press, Boston 1983, "The Zionist Connection" by Alfred Lienthal, North American, New Brunswick, NY 1982, "The Arabs", by David Lamb, Random House, New York 1987, "Israel and the American National Interest", by Cheryl A. Rubenberg, University of Illinois Press, Champagne IL 1986, "The Lobby: Jewish Political Power and American Foreign Policy" by Edward Tivnan, Simon and Schuster, New York 1987, "Israel and Latin America: The Military Connection" by Bishara Bahbah, St. Martins Press, New York 1986, "The Israel Connection: Who Israel Arms and Why" by Benjamin Beit-Hallahmi and "Taking Sides" by Stephen Green, Wm. Morrow & Co., New York 1984.

After reading these books, it is clear that American foreign policy with respect to the Middle East is misguided, at best, and has actually been manipulated internally by the Zionist lobby largely through the American Israeli lobby and that "Arab terrorism" and our loss of creditability in the Middle East is the direct result of our arming Israel. It is also obvious from reading Mr. Flapan's book, a Jewish scholar, that Israel even in 1947 was more well organized, better equipped militarily and was actually fighting small groups of Palestinians villagers. This book completely explodes the myth of the foundation of Israel, its policies and eventual intent and it as much as any other book reveals that almost everything printed in the US media concerning Israel since 1948 is inaccurate or is misinformation. It seems incongruous that Jewish scholars should be the ones who actually report accurately the events taking place in Palestine prior to and after 1948. I am sure it is their desire to prevent further this awful tragedy that has occurred, resulting in the displacement, death and/or loss of civil rights of 1.6 million Palestinians Arabs.

It also seems obvious after reading these books that Zionism is a very racist concept and practice and that the Zionists have used the Jewish holocaust to manipulate American foreign policy to further their own gains. Every legislator, including yourself, should understand that Zionism and even revised Zionism as outlined by Jabotinski is the policy followed by Israel over the past forty years and that it has always been official government policy regardless of how it was presented to the American public. It is also obvious that this genocide of an indigenous population was planned from the beginning. These ideas, principles and practices of the Israeli government is not only a gross miscarriage of justice but is counter to every American principle of justice, freedom and self-determination. At some point historically, US politicians, including the President of the United States, the State Department and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee who have supported and aided Israel, must explain how this has happened.

Only now is the real story being told and thankfully by Jewish scholars, even their voices are largely being drowned out by continued propaganda, disinformation and an intent to reinforce the guilt complex of the Jewish holocaust continually by the Zionist movement.

Indeed, one must accept the tragedy of the Jewish holocaust. However, the US government was not responsible and cannot rectify that tragedy nor can we allow the guilt of its happening to be transferred to the United States and American peoples. We also cannot allow it to justify the continued holocaust perpetrated on the Palestinian population by the Zionist groups and have this be official United States policy, as it has become. Actually every American must accept the responsibility of the present Palestinian situation and it must eventually be rectified however long it takes and how many more Palestinians we see shot, killed or maimed on television or in the news media. I would therefore urge you to rescind the order of diplomatic immunity to the Israeli arms merchants and support a Palestinian State based upon the previous United Nations resolutions.

It would also seem that the State Department and the leadership in Congress must accurately separate Zionism and its racist policies from actual Judaic principles rather than allowing them to be lumped together so that any time one speaks out against Zionism, one does not speak out against Judaism or be antiSemitic. This I would think must happen before the country and Congress can react appropriately and not be terrorized by the American Israeli lobby and all of the PAC organizations that support it. Clearly, their jobs are on the line every time they even question these Zionist policies of the Middle East.

Sincerely,



Melvin E. Clouse, M.D.

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ISRAEL'S HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND U.S. POLICY

By Dr. Shaw Dallal*

In its routine justification for the annual aid Congress grants to Israel, the Department of State again certified this year that "Israel... guarantees by law and respects in practice the civil, political and religious rights of its citizens."

This certification is fraudulent. It is fraudulent because in the same report to Congress, the Department of State acknowledged the following violations of human rights and discriminatory practices by Israel:

1- Emergency regulations continued in effect against the Palestinian Arab citizens of Israel since 1948.

2- In October 1987, a special judicial commission, headed by former High Court President Moshe Landau, found that since 1971 Israel's internal security agency, Shin Bet, has routinely been using physical and psychological torture to obtain confessions from Palestinian Arab prisoners. These confessions are often the only evidence against the accused. The commission also found that by 1974, it had become a "well-rooted practice and the accepted norm" for Shin Bet interrogators to lie to the courts about their interrogation methods, and that by the early 1980s, Shin Bet interrogators "had been given written instructions" on how to lie to the courts when accused persons tried to retract forced confessions.

3- Administrative detention [without charges or trial] of Palestinian Arab Israeli citizens is still allowed.

4- The incoming and outgoing mail of Palestinian Arab Israeli citizens is often delayed or confiscated.

5- In 1987, a weekly Arabic magazine was denied permission to publish. There was never an explanation for the denial. No allegation that the magazine advocated violence was made.

6- The Law of Return of 1950 and the Citizenship Law of 1952 confer advantages on Jews denied to Israel's Palestinian Arab citizens, such as the use of land held by the state or quasi-public organizations "in trust for the Jewish people." The Jewish people are defined as those born of Jewish mothers.

7- Under Israeli law, Israeli Jews enjoy freedom of movement within the country and are free to travel abroad or emigrate. The movement of Palestinian Arab citizens is restricted within Israel and abroad.

8- United Nations General Assembly Resolution 194 of December 11, 1948 calls on Israel to permit Arab refugees who left their homes in the 1947-1949 fighting to return if they are willing to live in peace. If they choose not to return, they should be compensated. Israel refuses to comply with this resolution.

9- The Palestinian Arab citizens of Israel are disadvantaged in the Knesset. There are no Palestinian Arabs in the cabinet.

10- The Palestinian Arab citizens of Israel are disadvantaged in their access to education, housing, medical care, and are discriminated against in employment.

Despite these violations of human rights and the brutality inflicted on the Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza, the General Accounting Office of the U.S. Congress granted Israel about five billion dollars in 1987, in violation of the Foreign Assistance Act which stipulates that "a principal goal of the foreign policy of the United

States shall be to promote the increased observance of internationally recognized human rights by all countries."

This Act links human rights to foreign assistance and prohibits the Executive Branch from providing foreign aid to any country "the government of which engages in a consistent pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights."

"Gross" human rights violations are defined in the Act to include "torture or cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment, prolonged detention without charges and trial... and other denial of the right to life, liberty, or the security of persons."

By any objective standard, the human rights violations by Israel, which are acknowledged by the Department of State in its report to Congress, are "gross violations." The scenes which have become familiar to television viewers all over the world during the past months, and to which the Department of State made reference in its report, cannot be considered other than torture and inhuman treatment. They are graphic documentation of "flagrant denial of the right to life, liberty, or the security of persons."

Yet, Israel's violations of human rights is nothing new. Such violations existed since the creation of Israel. In the occupied West Bank and Gaza, they have been increasing since 1967. Ironically, as Israel's human rights violations intensified, U.S. financial aid to Israel has increased.

In 1967, Israel received about \$225 million in grants from the U.S. Treasury. By 1973, Israel was tightening its grip on the occupied territories, violently quelling resistance to its occupation, and U.S. annual grants jumped to \$1.5 billion. By 1975, as more Jewish settlements were being built in the occupied territories, U.S. aid reached \$2.5 billion.

After Israel's invasion of Lebanon, when nearly thirty thousand Lebanese and Palestinian civilians were killed and about six hundred thousand were made homeless, aid to Israel increased again to \$3 billion.

Furthermore, from 1948 to 1967 most U.S. aid to Israel was in the form of loans at favorable rates. The aid Israel now receives is in direct grants. Most of the previous loans have now been "forgiven."

There are other forms of aid which Israel receives from the United States, which are not usually included in the reports of the General Accounting Office. They include about \$1 billion of "charitable," tax-deductible contributions from American citizens; they include about \$1 billion in annual sales of Israeli bonds in the United States; they include about \$10 billion in short term loans from U.S. banks; and they include about \$2 billion in Israeli goods and services sold in this country, almost all of which come duty-free....

Without this aid Israel cannot survive. Its bonds become worthless, its credit nonexistent. In short, it becomes financially bankrupt. The United States, in becoming responsible for Israel's economic solvency has inevitably also become the underwriter of its misdeeds: its wars, its conquests, its illegal settlements, and its gross violations of human rights. □

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2 Recount '48 Killing in Israel

By JOHN KIFNER

Special to The New York Times

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11 — Two former guerrillas of an underground Jewish band once led by Yitzhak Shamir have said they carried out the assassination of a United Nations' peace envoy 40 years ago.

While the assassination of the envoy, Count Folke Bernadotte, has been widely believed to have been carried out by the band, known as the Stern Gang, the account of the two men on Israeli television and radio Friday night was the first public acknowledgements by members of the group.

The Stern Gang was the most radical of the underground organizations struggling to establish the State of Israel. Count Bernadotte, a Swedish diplomat, had been sent by the United Na-

tions Security Council in May 1948 to try to establish a truce between the Israeli soldiers and Arab armies.

Yehoshua Zeitler, who said he directed the assassination, told Israel radio that he had decided to speak out because of what he said was his fear that the United Nations would again try to force Israel into concessions that would endanger its existence.

Meshulam Markover said he led the four-man assassination squad that cut off Count Bernadotte's car with a jeep on a Jerusalem street on Sept. 17, 1948. Three guerrillas jumped out, he said, and one, Yehoshua Cohen, who died two years ago, fired the shots that killed Count Bernadotte and his French aide-de-camp.

The Stern Gang, formally called Lohamei Herut Israel (Fighters for the Freedom of Israel), split from the underground Irgun and was known by the name of its first leader, Avram Stern.

A spokesman for Mr. Shamir said after the broadcast that the Prime Minister had played no role in the assassination because the group had officially disbanded six months before.

All Israelis up to 40 to get polio vaccine

Associated Press

JERUSALEM - Health officials will inoculate every Israeli up to the age of 40 against polio following an outbreak of the disease that affected at least nine persons, the Health Ministry announced yesterday.

About 3.2 million residents will be inoculated, and the program should be completed in a month, said Shmuel Algrabli, a ministry spokesman. It will cost about \$3.1 million.

"We hope this will help to calm people down," Algrabli said. "We are calling on the public not to panic and not to try to be inoculat-

ed privately. There is enough vaccine in the country for everyone."

The government undertook the campaign after hearing recommendations from a team of international health experts called to Israel for consultations after nine patients were diagnosed with polio, Algrabli said. There are another three unconfirmed cases of the disease, he said.

The outbreak of polio, thought to be wiped out in the country, was a surprise to Israelis, who are inoculated routinely as infants. The new vaccination is a booster.

Polio is an infectious disease caused by a virus inflammation of

the gray matter of the spinal cord. It is accompanied by paralysis of various muscle groups.

Just weeks before the Israeli polio cases were reported last month, the European World Health Organization, to which Israel belongs, was considering declaring the disease eradicated in the region.

No cases were reported in Israel last year and only one case was reported in 1986. The new cases have been blamed on overflowing sewage.

Israel's health officials are now considering changing the method of routine childhood vaccination

from the live-virus Sabin to a combined inoculation of Sabin and the dead-virus Salk vaccine.

Since the polio was first identified last month, about 500,000 Israelis have received a booster vaccination, Algrabli said. The next stage of the inoculations will start today in the northern towns of Acre and Rehovot, where the polio virus was found in sewage.

A separate series of tests will determine whether the boosters should be administered in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Algrabli said. He said tourists planning to visit Israel do not need to be inoculated.

US gives some immunity to Israeli arms-buyers

Reuters

WASHINGTON - A State Department spokesman said yesterday that the Reagan administration is granting a limited form of diplomatic immunity to Israel's military procurement office in New York, which is suspected by US investigators of being involved in the illegal export of weapons technology.

Phyllis Oakley, the State Department spokeswoman, refused to discuss reasons for the decision, which was opposed by US law enforcement agencies, but said about 50 Israelis will be covered.

"I can confirm that the Israeli Defense Procurement Mission and the Trade Mission in New York

will be considered as annexes to the Israeli Consulate in New York," Oakley said.

"We estimate that approximately 50 Israeli officials will acquire consular privileges and immunities," she told reporters.

She said she lacked details of the decision's implications but stressed that the consular immunity the Israelis will receive is less extensive than full diplomatic immunity.

Asked if the new status would protect any of the Israelis if they were accused of illegally exporting American technology, Oakley said she believed the immunity would apply in the future, not for actions taken in the past.

The decision followed an investigation begun by the Justice Department in 1986 of the Israeli office after allegations that some of the Israeli personnel smuggled technical data from American companies after Washington banned the shipment of equipment used in cluster bombs in 1982.

Israel protested, the Justice Department withdrew subpoenas requiring eight officials to testify, and the case was dropped this year because of insufficient evidence.

The United States also probed the possible involvement of the New York office in a scheme in which a Connecticut firm smug-

gled chrome-plated artillery barrels to Israel.

The firm paid a \$750,000 fine, but what role, if any, the Israeli arms-buyers had in the plan has never been made public.

It was part of a series of incidents in which the United States suspected or determined that its close ally was secretly acquiring military secrets and technology.

Jonathan Pollard, a former Navy intelligence analyst, and his wife are serving long prison terms for spying on Israel's behalf in the early 1980s.

The United States resisted the Israeli request for three years, arguing it could give diplomatic status only to personnel working in embassies and consulates.

Prominent Jews Issue Warning

The following letter to the editor appeared in the New York Times on December 4, 1948. Co-signed by twenty-eight prominent Jews, the letter provided unsettling commentary about Menachem Begin's past actions and his impending visit to the United States.

Among the most disturbing political phenomena of our time is the emergence in the newly created state of Israel of the "Freedom Party" (Tnauat HaHerut), a political party closely akin in its organization, methods, political philosophy, and social appeal to the Nazi and Fascist parties. It was formed out of the membership and following of the former Irgun Zvai Leumi, a terrorist, right-wing, chauvinist organization in Palestine.

The current visit of Menachem Begin, leader of this party, to the United States is obviously calculated to give the impression of American support for his party in the coming Israel elections, and to cement political ties with conservative Zionist elements in the United States. Several Americans of national repute have lent their names to welcome his visit. It is inconceivable that those who oppose fascism throughout the world, if correctly informed as to Mr. Begin's political record and perspective, could add their names and support to the movement he represents.

Before irreparable damage is done by way of financial contributions, public manifestations in Begin's behalf and the creation in Palestine of the impression that a large segment of America supports Fascist elements in Israel, the American public must be informed as to the record and objectives of Mr. Begin and his movement.

The public avowals of Begin's party are no guide whatever to its actual character. Today they speak of freedom, democracy, and anti-imperialism, whereas recently they openly preached the doctrine of the Fascist State. It is in its actions that the terrorist party betrays its real character:

from its past actions we can judge what it may be expected to do in the future.

A shocking example was their behavior in the Arab village of Deir Yassin. This village, off the main roads and surrounded by Jewish lands, had taken no part in the war, and had even fought off Arab bands who wanted to use the village as their base. On April 9, terrorist bands attacked the peaceful village, which was not a military objective in the fighting, killed most of its inhabitants—240 men, women, and children—and kept a few of them alive to parade as captives through the streets of Jerusalem. Most of the Jewish community was horrified at the deed, and the Jewish Agency sent a telegram of apology to King Abdullah of Transjordan. But the terrorists, far from being ashamed of their act, were proud of this massacre, publicized it widely, and invited all the foreign correspondents present in the country to view the heaped corpses and general havoc at Deir Yassin.

The Deir Yassin incident exemplifies the character and actions of the Freedom Party.

Within the Jewish community they have preached an admixture of ultranationalism, religious mysticism, and racial superiority. Like other Fascist parties, they have been used to break strikes, and have themselves pressed for the destruction of trade unions. In their stead they have proposed corporate unions on the Italian Fascist model.

During the last years of sporadic anti-British violence, the IZL (Irgun Zvai Leumi) and Stern groups inaugurated a reign of terror in the Palestine Jewish community. Teachers were beaten up for speaking against them; adults were shot for not letting their children join them. By gangster methods, beatings, window smashing, and widespread robberies, the terrorists intimidated the population and exacted a heavy tribute.

The people of the Freedom Party had no part in the constructive achievements in Palestine. They reclaimed no land, built no settlements, and only detracted from the Jewish defense activity. Their much publi-

cized immigration endeavors were minute, and devoted to bringing in Fascist compatriots.

The discrepancies between the bold claims now being made by Begin and his party, and their record of past performance in Palestine bear the imprint of no ordinary political party. This is the unmistakable stamp of a Fascist party for whom terrorism (against Jews, Arabs, and British alike) and misrepresentation are means, and a "Leader State" is their goal.

In the light of the foregoing considerations, it is imperative that the truth about Mr. Begin and his movement be made known in this country. It is all the more tragic that the top leadership of American Zionists has refused to campaign against Begin's efforts, or even to expose to its own constituents the dangers to Israel from the support to Begin.

The undersigned therefore take the means of publicly presenting a few salient facts concerning Begin and his party; and of urging all concerned not to support this latest manifestation of Fascism.

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Sunday, September 4, 1988

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ABROAD AT HOME | Anthony Lewis

When Silence Comes

A middle-class man — a lawyer, a dentist, a businessman — is taken from his home by soldiers. They tell him he is a threat to the country's security. Without a trial, without evidence, he is sent to a remote prison camp. There he and thousands of others exist in harsh and humiliating conditions.

When that kind of injustice occurs in the Soviet Union or Chile, we who live in freedom and middle-class safety have no trouble recognizing and condemning it. But what if it happens in a country we admire? Our sense of justice may be silenced. At least that is the case, judging by current events, when it comes to Israel.

The Israeli Government has taken thousands of Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and Gaza into what it calls "administrative detention." That means they are held as prisoners, for up to six months at a stretch, without trial.

At least 2,500 of the detainees are imprisoned in Ketziot, a tent camp in the burning heat of the Negev desert. On Aug. 16 Israeli soldiers shot and killed two of the detainees there.

Two days after the deaths a highly respected American expert, Michael Posner, director of the New York-based Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, visited Ketziot. Afterward he wrote an Israeli official: "We are deeply troubled by the use of deadly force against a confined population, when there is no evidence of any escape or physical confrontation by prisoners."

Mr. Posner said the soldiers shot in "apparent panic" in a situation "that was not life-threatening" to them. "There were a number of screaming, plate-throwing detainees," he said. "The noise was, by all accounts, deafening. But the inmates were enclosed behind barbed-wire fences."

The isolation and severe conditions at Ketziot encourage "frustration and hopelessness," Mr. Posner said. "The tents barely accommodate the number of people that are there. There's no place to move. It's brutally hot."

A Jerusalem Post reporter, Joel Greenberg, looked into the shooting incident and wrote a report based on accounts by both prisoners and soldiers. On the morning of Aug. 16, he said, detainees were taken from one section of the prison to clean soldiers' quarters. They refused, saying that the Geneva Convention prohibited making detainees work.

"As punishment," Mr. Greenberg wrote, "all inmates in the section were ordered out of their tents and compelled to sit on the ground for at least an hour with their hands behind their backs, in intense heat."

Later that day, the report said, an

officer took a prisoner out of the section and beat him with a club. Other inmates began shouting and throwing things over the high fence around the section. Troops fired teargas and rubber bullets. Then they shot live ammunition into the air and toward the ground in the tent sections.

Two inmates were fatally hit. The story had further grim details that I shall omit because they cannot be confirmed. The Israeli Army has started an investigation.

Last week The Jerusalem Post pub-

Thousands are held in Israeli camps without due process.

lished a report on life in Ketziot under ordinary circumstances. Mr. Greenberg interviewed a number of former Ketziot prisoners, who spoke of petty humiliation, boredom and isolation building up resentment.

A dentist, Dr. Nabil Ja'abari, chairman of the board of trustees of Hebron University, described arriving at Ketziot. His group was blindfolded, he said, and told to get up, sit down, move again and again for no apparent reason. "One of us begged permission to relieve himself, and was refused permission to go to a toilet."

A Ramallah businessman, Hani Nassar, said: "It was too hot to go outside during the day, and lying in the tent we felt weak, without even the strength to talk. Most of the day there was nothing to do. . . . We were made to sit out in the sun as punishment."

The prisoners at Ketziot, it must be emphasized, have not been convicted of doing anything. They have had not a semblance of due process. They are there because someone in the Israeli Army suspects them — or wants to punish them.

Mr. Posner went to Ketziot to see two Palestinian lawyers being held there and four field investigators for a West Bank human rights group, Al Haq. He concluded that they had been detained because of "their work on human rights and as lawyers."

Such detention, wherever it occurs, should outrage Americans and other free people. Most of all it should outrage the Jewish people, who defined for the world a sense of justice. □

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 06, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JACQUES TORCZYNER

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN AREA
OF U.S. - ISRAEL RELATIONS AND APPRECIATION
FOR ACHIEVEMENTS DURING PRESIDENCY

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JACQUES TORCZYNER
515 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022
752-0600

PERSONAL

January 3, 1989

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I do not know if you will see this letter, but I feel that I have to send it to you.

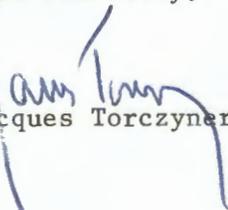
I met you for the first time in 1976 during the Primary campaign and later during the 1980 Presidential campaign. During the eight years of your Presidency, you have changed our country and you leave behind a legacy which should make everyone proud. Your achievements are tremendous and there is a new hope and determination in the United States.

In the field of U.S./Israel relations, this period has been one of great cooperation and historic accomplishments.

And certainly it must be a special joy to you that for the first time in over a century a Vice President has succeeded his President.

My best wishes to Mrs. Reagan and you for many years of health and happiness; I am certain that you will continue to play an important role.

Most sincerely,


Jacques Torczyner

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 29, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE REVEREND CARL MC INTIRE

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING THE UPCOMING TALKS WITH
YASSIR ARAFAT AND ENCLOSES LETTERS AND
MATERIAL ON WHAT LANDS BELONG TO ISRAEL AND
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8900130

Date January 18, 1989

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: Reverend Carl McIntire

Date: December 19, 1988

Subject: Writes regarding PLO dialogue and encloses
information re Israeli/Palestinian land rights

WH Referral Dated: January 5, 1989

NSC ID# (if any): 617979

 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

 A draft reply is attached.

 A draft reply will be forwarded.

 A translation is attached.

XX An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

 We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.

 The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.

 Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

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Jay Salpini
Director
Secretariat Staff



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Rev. McIntire:

Thank you for your letter to President Reagan dated December 19, 1988 sharing your thoughts on developments in the Middle East. The President has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The United States remains firmly committed to pursuing a comprehensive peace in the Middle East. This has been a high priority throughout this administration. Our policy is founded on unchanging principles: that peace is only achievable through direct negotiations based on UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, and that a settlement must provide for the security of all states in the region and for the legitimate political rights of the Palestinian people.

On December 14, Yasser Arafat, speaking in Geneva as Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, accepted UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, recognized Israel's right to exist and renounced terrorism. This represents a fundamental change in PLO positions, fulfilling longstanding U.S. conditions for the start of a substantive dialogue with that organization. In keeping with our commitment to open a dialogue if our conditions were met, the U.S. Ambassador in Tunis, Robert Pelletreau, met with PLO representatives on December 16.

Our dialogue with the PLO is not an end in itself. We view the dialogue as one more step toward the beginning of direct negotiations among the parties in the region, which alone can lead to peace. Nor does the start of a dialogue imply U.S. acceptance of an independent Palestinian state. The final status of the West Bank and Gaza must be determined in negotiations, not through unilateral acts by either side. This does not, however, prevent the PLO from pursuing its desire for an independent state at the negotiating table.

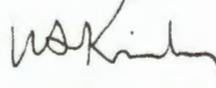
Reverend Carl McIntire
President,
International Council of Christian Churches,
756 Haddon Avenue,
Collingswood, NJ 08108.

The firm U.S. stance against terrorism is not affected by our decision to open a dialogue with the PLO. On the contrary, we will use the dialogue to stress that there can be no return to terrorism by the PLO anywhere. In fact, we have told the PLO we would expect them to disassociate themselves from whatever acts of terrorism may occur and, if undertaken by elements under the authority of the PLO, to discipline those responsible at least by expelling them from the organization. No U.S. administration will be able to sustain a dialogue if PLO terrorism continues. I can be no more explicit than President Reagan when he said on December 15, that if the PLO doesn't live up to its word, "We certainly will break off communication."

The U.S. commitment to Israel's survival and security remains unshakable. We will not allow any party to drive a wedge between us. One reason we have entered the dialogue with the PLO is to help Israel achieve the security it deserves. This security can best be achieved and guaranteed over the long term in the context of a comprehensive peace.

All parties have a responsibility to contribute to advancing the peace process. I can assure you that the U.S. will continue actively to pursue the search for peace in the Middle East and I am confident this will remain a high priority for the new Administration.

Sincerely,



William A. Kirby
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Near Eastern and
South Asian Affairs

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REFERRAL

JANUARY 5, 1989

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 617979
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED DECEMBER 19, 1988
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN
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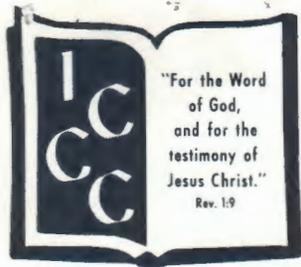
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December 19, 1988

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing the ad in the New York Times and the letters that I have written to key leaders. There are millions and millions of Christians who believe that God knew what He was doing when He gave the land of Canaan to Abraham and Israel and their seed forever, and the land of Edom, Mount Seir, to Esau. Please take your Bible down and read Genesis 17 and note that circumcision is still the sign. Then read Genesis 35. Follow this with Deuteronomy 2. God was the one who did this and there were these kings in Edom long before there was a king in Israel. The Arab world is rejoicing, you have given them hope that Israel will give up land for the Palestinian State. You have entered here, Mr. President, into an area of divine purpose which all the kings on earth cannot change. Arafat repeated the formula Shultz required, but that was before you had a Palestinian State, now Israel can exist, but how big will she be, and the call of Arafat is for Jerusalem.

He will also get Bethlehem and Hebron where the tombs are of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Leah. Jacob's body is mummified and could be seen today. Arafat has no business getting his hands on these tombs.

With the hatred which is there, and will not be removed, what is just ahead is impossible to calculate. Your act is not a move toward peace. It brings the world closer toward Armageddon. Please look at the things that we have submitted. As I have said, there are millions and millions of Christians who know that God made these commitments and this covenant. Whenever a Jew is circumcised it is part of the seal which has been continued through all these centuries. Please, Mr. Reagan, you are on dangerous territory representing our beloved United States. Stop dealing with Arafat, and uphold Israel's land to all God assigned to her, and tell Arafat to go to Edom to his land for his state!

Sincerely,

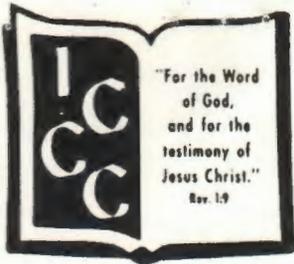
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December 15, 1988

Mr. Yasir Arafat
U.S. Embassy to Tunisia
Tunis
Tunisia, North Africa

Dear Mr. Arafat:

I am enclosing an advertisement that appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal and other papers which brings forward a solution for peace that came from the promises made to Abraham, your father. When Isaac's two sons had their differences, the God Who made the promises to Abraham, which you accept, provided the solution between the two brothers. This conflict has gone on all these centuries. God assigned the lands.

While Israel was four hundred years in Egypt in slavery, Esau was living in one of the Seven Wonders of the World in Mount Seir in Edom. Please read carefully this ad and the quotations that are there. This is the road to peace, a secure peace. You can have your Palestinian State with the good will of everyone and even the help of many Christians.

The land is there, a portion of Saudi Arabia and Jordan. I have been there, personally, a number of times and it could be developed into a beautiful, beautiful state for you and your people. Either way you would go, millions are involved, and the resistance to your seeking to force Israel to give up what she won in the Six Day War will be the strongest that you have ever faced.

Peace is absolutely essential. You have it in your power to give it with an honor to Abraham and Isaac and Esau, the line of your generation.

You have our prayers.

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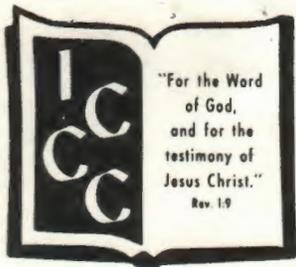
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Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir
State of Israel Knesset
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Mr. Shamir:

You have the support and the prayers of our Christian people. As God told Moses when he passed Mount Seir on the way to the promised land, he would not give him a foot of Esau's land. Now, you are to keep every foot of the land that you have. It is not negotiable. We regret exceedingly that the United States did not make the land the issue rather than the terms which Arafat stated to the satisfaction of the United States. The issue is not whether you have a right to exist, or whether terrorism will be repudiated, the issue is that the land is your. God has brought your people back to it. Arafat, if he desires peace foremost and does recognize your right to exist, and rejects terrorism, should be willing, with the help of the nations, to settle down in the land that God gave to Esau, which is just as much his today as you land is yours.

Our counsel is no compromise in any degree of your Holy Land with its Holy City, Jerusalem.

Millions of people that are Christians, I would say the overwhelming majority of Christians over this world, sustain this view of your right to the land. Hold it at any price. We stand ready to help you in any possible way.

God will deal with the United States, it has taken the wrong turn and He is the God of Israel.

At our World Congress in June we unanimously passed the enclosed resolution in your support. Enclosed is related correspondence.

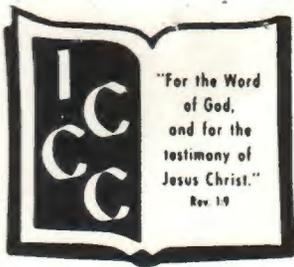
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December 15, 1988

The Honorable Robert H. Pelletreau
U.S. Ambassador
U.S. Embassy to Tunisia
Tunis, Tunisia
North Africa

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The word today is that you are to initiate the dialogue with the PLO on behalf of the United States. I am enclosing an ad from the New York Times which also appeared in the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal and other papers. This is a proposal which has historic validity and did bring peace.

Correspondance which I am presenting to the Secretary of State, Mr. Shamir and Mr. Peres in Israel, and, of course, what I have sent directly to Mr. Arafat is also enclosed. At some point this should be raised because the solution which is presented here worked successfully for centuries. The Israelites passed from Ecom on their way out of Egypt and it wasn't, historically, until the children of Israel were having their troubles with Babylon which led to their exile for 70 years, that the Arabs from the Mount Seir area came into their land - the lower part of it.

There has always been this enmity between the descendants of Esau and Jacob, and there always will be. There is no way, no way that these two descendants of brothers will be able to have peace packed into the same territory as is now being offered as the solution and demanded by Arafat.

As we have said to others, there are millions of Christians, more, I believe, than the majority that there are today, who recognize the validity of the solution which worked so successfully as God assigned to each their land.

Mr. Ambassador, nations cannot ignore the sovereignty of the Almighty.

Please give this a very thorough study on your part and make it a part of your dialogue with Arafat. We can mount a world-wide call for the consideration of this valid option.

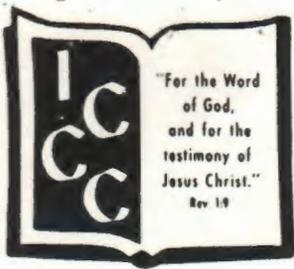
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Mr. Javier Perez de Cuellar
General Secretary to the United Nations
New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The questions posed by Mr. Arafat for peace are before you. Perhaps you saw the big ad in the New York Times March 11 which raised a solution for peace and harmony for Jerusalem. This solution worked. Enclosed are the letters I have written to Secretary of State Shultz and the U.S. Ambassador in Tunisia.

Also, we have addressed Mr. Arafat, himself, and Mr. Shamir and Peres. As you are intimately involved in all aspects of this issue, this is a request that you give attention to this solution.

Arafat has the backing of his Arab brethren. They, and the Israelis, are also brethren. There is territory available for the Palestinian State, which was used as a Palestinian State - so to speak - for hundreds of years. Saudi Arabia and Jordan are the two involved in setting apart that choice land which Esau and his descendants enjoyed for years.

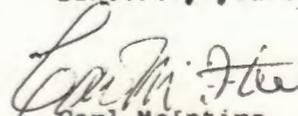
Mount Seir was one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Surely the money is available from the Arab world, and all those of good will, to see that such a State would be outlined and developed.

Instead of all the billions being spent as has been done in the past four years, something of this should have been projected at that time.

We come now with a proposal which has merit and which could bring true peace, and even generate good will with all the nations involved, and what, pray tell, are the basic objections when there is a record of success in history.

Please give this your fullest consideration.

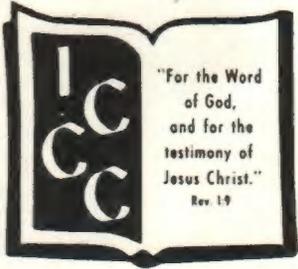
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Secretary of State George P. Shultz
Department of State
2201 C Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Shultz:

I sent you a note congratulating you on your decision on terrorists.

Here is the ad from the New York Times. You may have seen the one in the Washington Post on March 11.

Israel has her own land. The solution which God Himself devised for the two brothers, Jacob and Esau, was successful.

Arafat has in him the blood of Esau, the whole Arab world is the same and they all appeal to Abraham. It was when Esau and Jacob fell out that God gave them their special lands.

Here is a possible option. I request that you make it a matter of consideration with Arafat. Our Christian people all over the world will support this. Israel's land is not negotiable and had you taken this position instead of the terms you stipulated, which Arafat met, the situation would be different.

Cordially yours,


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Resolution 24

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

The Holy Scriptures contain a text in the Old Testament which exhorts, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee" (Psa. 122:6). The current strife in the Holy Land, calling for peace, finds a solution in the Holy Scriptures which this Council commends to the powers that be. This policy for peace comes from the manner in which God handled the conflict between Jacob and Esau, the two sons of Isaac. The parties in the present strife are the descendants of Jacob and Esau now engaged in the age-old conflict which stems back to the trouble between the two brothers (Genesis 27). God separated them and assigned to each one of them land which they were to occupy and possess as their own. By a promise sealed by an oath, God gave to Jacob the land of Canaan, and to Esau, Mt. Seir. For 1,400 years Edom was a nation, and a glory attended their possession of the land (Num. 20:21; 24:18; Deut. 29:16; Gen. 50:24).

In the present conflict, two parties are seeking to occupy the same territory for a nation. It is obvious that two different nations cannot occupy the same territory both in reality and in peace.

This Council calls upon the parties involved in these troubles to seek a peaceful solution. Israel should possess the territory that was given to her. The Arab Palestinian party should build a nation in the land which their fathers occupied and is rightfully theirs.

The promises of land were never repealed or retracted by Almighty God.

The territory belonging to Esau, the Edomites, is available today as a part of Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

Let all Palestinians who desire a nation be directed to that which is theirs with full reparations to all involved. The Arab nations are related to the Arab Palestinians by blood, religion and heritage. The present tragic conflict cannot go on without injury to the cause of peace throughout the world.

This Council therefore commends this Biblical and historic solution.

The Arab Christians presently in the Holy Land should be protected, their liberties respected, and all desiring to remain in the Holy Land also be provided for.

The human rights of all Christians both in Israel and the Arab countries shall be fully respected by the Arab powers and the State of Israel.

In making this proposal, tested by time, the International Council of Christian Churches prays to God, who made the grants of land, to give His blessing and protection to all parties as this program of peace is carried out. With all due consideration to the preservation of human rights by all parties and the realization that as two separate states in keeping with God's assignment, there can be an answer to the prayer for the peace of Jerusalem, with each party occupying its own land and each respecting the land and the possession provided for them by the God who arranged for it all.



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Date January 18, 1989

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: Ms. Virginia Baron

Date: November 16, 1988

Subject: Urge Negotiations with Israel and PLO

WH Referral Dated: December 14, 1988

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 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

 A draft reply is attached.

 A draft reply will be forwarded.

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 We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.

 The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.

 Other (see remarks).

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Ms. Baron:

Thank you for your letter to President Reagan dated November 16, 1988 sharing your thoughts on developments in the Middle East. Thank you, as well, for the copy of the magazine you edit, Fellowship. The President has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The United States remains firmly committed to pursuing a comprehensive peace in the Middle East. This has been a high priority throughout this administration. Our policy is founded on unchanging principles: that peace is only achievable through direct negotiations based on UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, and that a settlement must provide for the security of all states in the region and for the legitimate political rights of the Palestinian people.

On December 14, Yasser Arafat, speaking in Geneva as Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, accepted UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, recognized Israel's right to exist and renounced terrorism. This represents a fundamental change in PLO positions, fulfilling longstanding U.S. conditions for the start of a substantive dialogue with that organization. In keeping with our commitment to open a dialogue if our conditions were met, the U.S. Ambassador in Tunis, Robert Pelletreau, met with PLO representatives on December 16.

Our dialogue with the PLO is not an end in itself. We view the dialogue as one more step toward the beginning of direct negotiations among the parties in the region, which alone can lead to peace. Nor does the start of a dialogue imply U.S. acceptance of an independent Palestinian state. The final status of the West Bank and Gaza must be determined in negotiations, not through unilateral acts by either side. This does not, however, prevent the PLO from pursuing its desire for an independent state at the negotiating table.

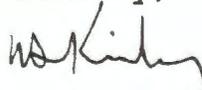
Ms. Virginia Baron
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The firm U.S. stance against terrorism is not affected by our decision to open a dialogue with the PLO. On the contrary, we will use the dialogue to stress that there can be no return to terrorism by the PLO anywhere. In fact, we have told the PLO we would expect them to disassociate themselves from whatever acts of terrorism may occur and, if undertaken by elements under the authority of the PLO, to discipline those responsible at least by expelling them from the organization. No U.S. administration will be able to sustain a dialogue if PLO terrorism continues. I can be no more explicit than President Reagan when he said on December 15, that if the PLO doesn't live up to its word, "We certainly will break off communication."

The U.S. commitment to Israel's survival and security remains unshakable. We will not allow any party to drive a wedge between us. One reason we have entered the dialogue with the PLO is to help Israel achieve the security it deserves. This security can best be achieved and guaranteed over the long term in the context of a comprehensive peace.

All parties have a responsibility to contribute to advancing the peace process. I can assure you that the U.S. will continue actively to pursue the search for peace in the Middle East and I am confident this will remain a high priority for the new Administration.

Sincerely,



William A. Kirby
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Near Eastern and
South Asian Affairs

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Dear President Reagan,

The historic meeting of the Palestine National Council that has passed resolutions denouncing terrorism and accepting UN Resolutions 242 and 338 offers an opportunity for you to usher in an epoch of peace in the Middle East. As a supporter of Israel and of the Palestinian people, I want to urge you to take the lead in peacemaking by opening negotiations with Israel and the PLO, the chosen representatives of the Palestinian people.

Those of us who care deeply for the people of this troubled region rejoice that the Palestinians have come forward with the recent proposal. While it is not all that the US government wanted, it is a starting point. Now it is our turn to make the significant moves toward the negotiating table.

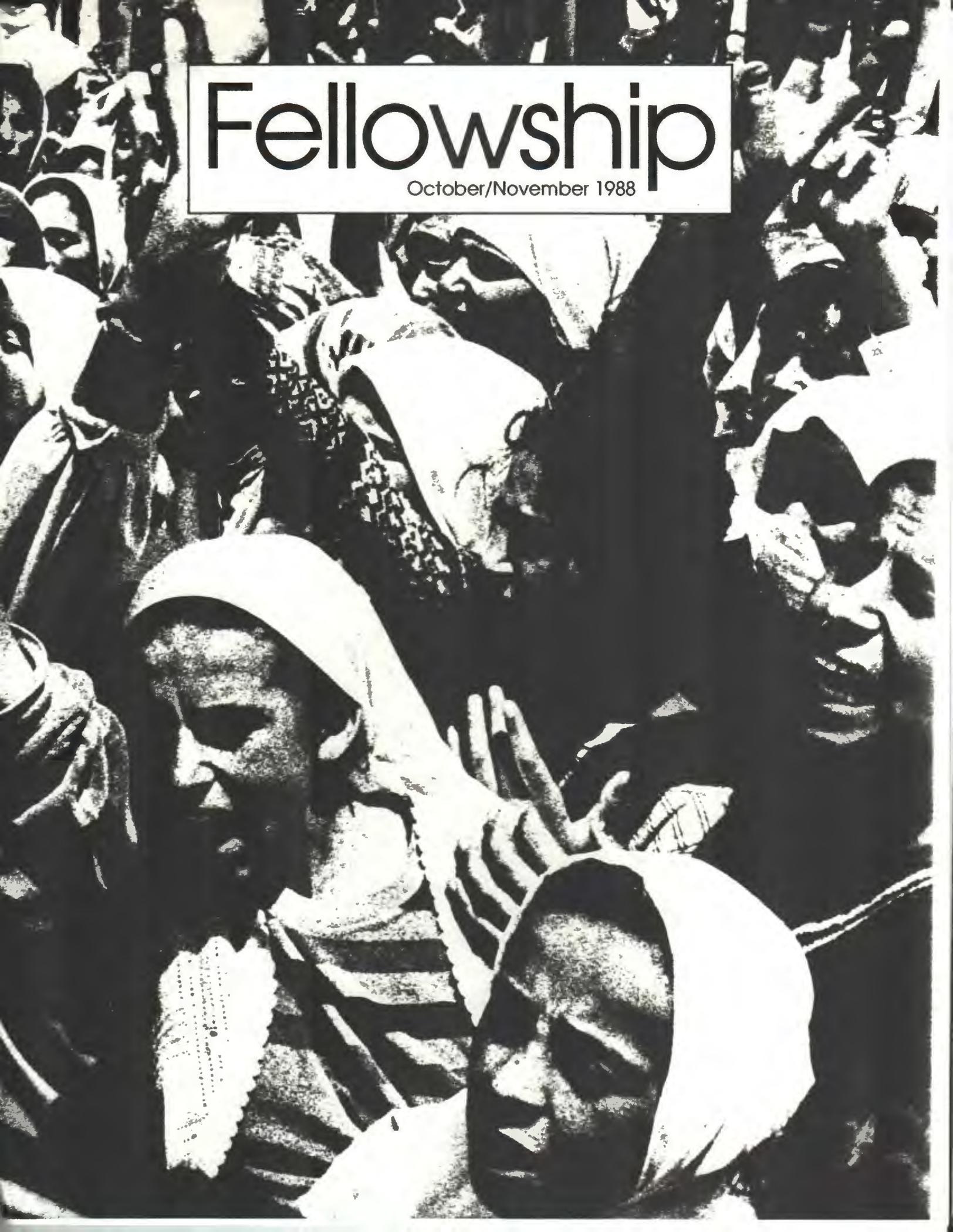
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Dear Menachein:

It is Sunday morning here and I've just received with great ~~sorrow~~ ~~your~~ ~~message~~ ~~and~~ ~~I~~ ~~realize~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~less~~ ~~of~~ ~~a~~ ~~personal~~ ~~communication~~ ~~to~~ ~~me~~ ~~than~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~a~~ ~~public~~ ~~relations~~ ~~effort~~ ~~directed~~ ~~toward~~ ~~my~~ ~~fellow~~ ~~citizens~~ ~~of~~ ~~Hebrew~~ ~~faith~~. The implied charge of anti-semitism is most distressing to me personally. I know of nothing I deplore more than bigotry and prejudice. I will not tolerate it in my administration and will oppose and denounce it wherever it raises it's head, here or elsewhere, and I always have.

I have been more than happy with what I believed was a deep bond of personal friendship we forged during our meeting here in September. I was proud to learn that you had expressed a belief that you had now a better understanding with us than you had ever known before. I was grateful for the invitation to be a guest in your home.

Some wines don't travel well. I hope as you returned to Israel that hasn't been the case with our friendship for it has not soured here. We are pledged to do all we can to bring about a just peace in the Middle East. That is a priority of first rank for my administration. I know we cannot impose a settlement nor will we try. Israel is an ally not a "vassal state". My belief is that a just peace is the greatest boon that could be bestowed on the people of Israel. We want to be of help in bringing that about. Our task has not been made easier.

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