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Washington Friends of Disabled Israeli War Veterans

416 Lamberton Drive  
Silver Spring, Md. 20902

August 9, 1982

Ms. Tina Massi  
Office of The Vice President  
Old Executive Office Building  
Room 267  
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Tina,

Consistent with our recent telephone conversation, this will confirm the VIP Tour of the White House for our organization which is scheduled for October 5, 1982. As I indicated, the group will number sixteen -- ten veterans and six members from the committee.

By way of background, this is the 6th year that the Washington community, in cooperation with the Zahal Disabled Veterans Organization of Israel, has brought ten disabled Israeli war veterans to the area for a two week visit. All funds are raised locally and extensive day and evening programs are planned.

The veterans will be here this year from September 29, 1982 to October 13, 1982; they range in age from 37 to 67, and have suffered disabling injuries of up to 85% while protecting the State of Israel. The two week visit is our expression of commitment to the men of Israel who have fought continuously and courageously for Israel's safety and who have made far greater commitments and sacrifices.

In past years, a highlight of the Washington visit has always been the VIP White House tour and I am sure that again this year, with your help, the tour will be a complete success.

During the course of our conversation, I mentioned that past tours had been capped-off with the passing out of White House souvenirs -- pens, matchbooks, etc. -- to the veterans. Any assistance that the Vice President's Office could offer in this regard would be most appreciated. However, at your suggestion, I will also discuss this aspect of the visit with Michael Gayle. Additionally, you raised the possibility of the group meeting with Vice President Bush. Obviously, if such a meeting could be arranged, it would be an honor and a fantastic plus to the tour.

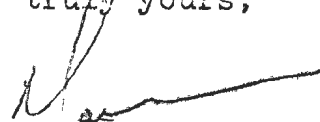
The veterans whom we are expecting are:

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| 1. Assa Yarkoni     | 6. Yoel Zafirir    |
| 2. Ben-Zion Glick   | 7. Eliahu Mark     |
| 3. Noah Herz        | 8. Haim Zelinker   |
| 4. Josef Uhrman     | 9. Shimon Kak      |
| 5. Zion Ben-Shoshan | 10. Shmuel Eshkoli |

While a number of the men are amputees, it is not anticipated that any special arrangements will have to be made. I will give you the names of the other six who will be on the tour no later than a week before the 5th.

Thank you very much for your assistance and cooperation and please thank Jennifer Fitzgerald as well. If any additional information is required, please do not hesitate to call. My wife and I will be in Israel from August 21, 1982 - September 10, 1982, so during this period please call Andrea Kraus at 949-1662 if necessary.

Very truly yours,



Marc R. Wagshal  
654-5757 (O)  
593-7073 (H)

PS -

Michael -

Thank you for your assistance. We look forward to working with you. I'm sure the meeting with the veterans after the White House tour will be a complete success.

The tour is scheduled for 8:30 am. If there are any changes, I'll let you know immediately.

Marc