

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 14, 1977

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Please let me first express my appreciation for the hospitality you are extending to Secretary Vance. His mission to the Middle East will, I hope, contribute to progress toward true peace between Israel and her neighbors.

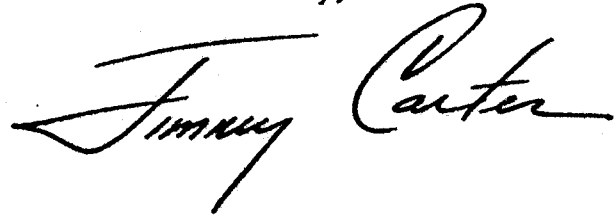
Because of the special relationship between Israel and the United States, and the importance of early and full exchanges between our two governments, I also attach particular importance to a meeting between us at the earliest possible time. I would therefore be most pleased if you would accept my invitation to visit Washington sometime early in March. I have asked Secretary Vance to discuss specific dates with you during his visit to Israel.

I am confident that U. S. -Israeli relations will continue on the cordial and sound basis that has characterized the close ties between our countries and peoples for three decades. I look forward to working closely with you in our common search for a lasting peace settlement in the Middle East.

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It will be valuable to me to have the chance
to discuss this major shared concern with
you in person.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

His Excellency
Yitzhak Rabin
Prime Minister of Israel
Tel Aviv