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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

June 28, 1977

The Honorable Jimmy Carter
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

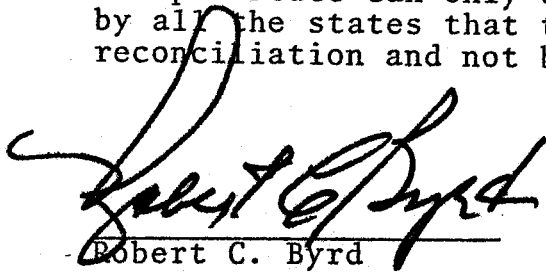
We write to you because the Senate will play a major part in decisions affecting the Middle East in the time ahead, and, like any President, you will need strong support in your efforts to contribute to the cause of peace in the Middle East.

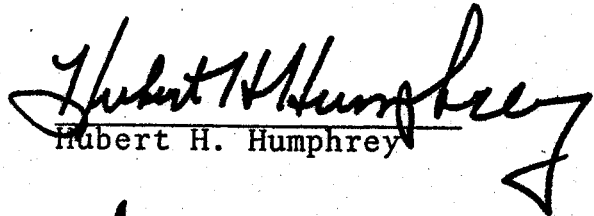
With this in mind we join in assuring you that you do have strong support in the Senate for your efforts to help Israel and the Arab nations secure a genuine and lasting peace.

We understand that the key elements of your approach -- which we believe to be consistent with UN Security Council Resolution 242, supported by all the nations involved -- are:

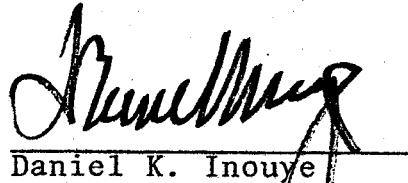
- (1) No alteration of our historic commitment to assure the security of Israel, and no use of our military aid to place pressure on Israel.
- (2) A commitment to a comprehensive and genuine peace, including concrete acts to normalize relations among the nations of the area.
- (3) The establishment of mutually accepted and secure borders, recognized by all.
- (4) A fair and permanent solution to the problem of the Palestinians in a way that will contribute to a lasting peace.

We endorse your view that peace cannot be imposed from the outside and that the United States does not intend to present the nations involved with a plan or a timetable or a map. Peace can only come from a genuine recognition by all the states that their interests are served by reconciliation and not by war.


Robert C. Byrd

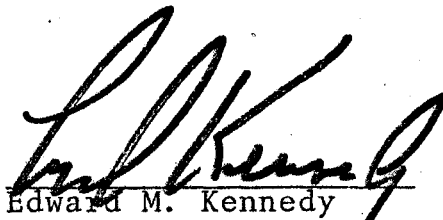

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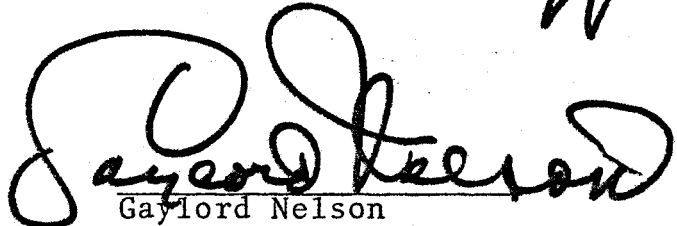

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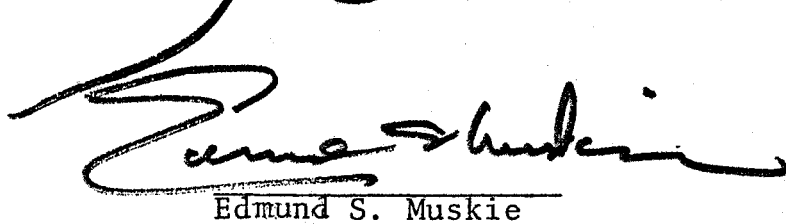

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