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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 2, 1980

*Susan -
No. Don't
build up
false
hopes*

To Peter Hearn

Thank you for your letter and for the George Harvey flies. I appreciate your thoughtfulness, and I hope you will convey my gratitude to those friends who joined you in presenting this useful gift.

I have asked my ~~scheduling~~ advisers to make a note of your kind invitation to follow a visit to Spruce Creek with dinner at the Walker farmhouse.

With thanks for your expression of support and with best wishes,

Sincerely,

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November 17, 1980

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

Dear Mr. President:

By way of identification, I was a member of Bill Batoff's Carter-Mondale Eastern Pennsylvania Finance Committee and was No. 2, behind Bill, in funds raised.

Shortly before your visit to Philadelphia on October 2 for a Democratic National Committee fundraiser, I talked to George Harvey, an old family friend in State College, Pennsylvania. We were aware that your visit was within a day of your birthday and thought that some George Harvey hand-tied trout flies would be an appropriate gift. I obtained some and expected to give them to you in Philadelphia. However, the campaign people in Washington told us no presents other than a cake.

The other morning, I received the enclosed letter from George asking what happened to the flies. I told him I had planned to give them to you either in Plains or Spruce Creek after you left the office. But, in light of George's statement that you would like them now, I am sending them along in the enclosed envelope. They represent a gift from your many friends in Philadelphia.

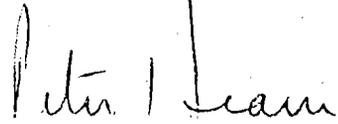
Our family has a farmhouse on Spruce Creek just upstream from the Harpsters. My wife's father, Eric A. Walker, was president of Penn State for 14 years and has retired to the farmhouse. We go there frequently on weekends. I am hoping that you will maintain your interest in Spruce Creek fishing and will join us for dinner some evening when you are there for a visit. If you are interested, all I would need is a definite date.

President Jimmy Carter
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Finally, I want to say how much I admired your record during your term in office. Important and difficult decisions were made the right way. It was an absolute joy to support your reelection effort.

My best regards.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Hearn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Peter Hearn

PH:ldb
Enclosure

GEORGE W. HARVEY
1950 NORWOOD LANE
STATE COLLEGE, PA. 16801

11-11-80

Dear Peter,

Was fishing with the President this past week-end and ask him how he liked the flies he rec'd at Philadelphia.

He seemed surprised and said he did not receive any?

He would sure like to have the fly and I told him I would contact you and try to find out what happened.

I looked for you at the last J. B. game but didn't have time to cover enough ground!

Say hello to Gail -

Sincerely

George

AGENDA
STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS ORGANIZATION DINNER
HONORING LANE KIRKLAND

- 6:30 pm Reception
- 7:30 pm Audience moves into Dining Area.
- 7:45 pm Tom Donahue announces "Star Spangled Banner" and "Hatikvah", and asks audience to remain standing for invocation.
- 7:50 pm Invocation by Monsignor Higgins.
- 7:55 pm Dinner is served.
- 9:00 pm Opening remarks by Tom Donahue, including introduction of dais and special guests in audience.
- 9:15 pm Introduction of the President by Tom Donahue.
- 9:16 pm Presidential remarks.
- 9:30 pm Tom Donahue pays personal tribute to Lane Kirkland; at conclusion asks Lane Kirkland to come forward to accept Golda Meir Award.
- 10:00 pm Remarks by Lane Kirkland.
- 10:15 pm Tom Donahue introduces Rabbi Cashden.
- 10:16 pm Benediction.

9:00 PM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE AT THE
STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS DINNER IN HONOR OF
LANE KIRKLAND

December 2, 1980

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The President proceeds to motorcade for boarding.

9:00 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route
Washington Hilton Hotel.

(Driving time: 5 minutes)

9:05 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Washington Hilton Hotel.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE
CLOSED ARRIVAL

The President will be greeted by:
Mr. William Wynn, President, United Food &
Commercial Workers Union
Mr. Martin Ward, President, Pipefitters Union
Mr. Sol Chaiken, President, International Ladies
Garment Workers Union

The President proceeds inside Hilton en route
holding room.

9:08 pm The President arrives holding room.

PERSONAL/STAFF TIME: 6 minutes

9:14 pm The President departs holding room en route
offstage announcement area.

9:15 pm The President arrives offstage announcement area
and pauses.

"Ruffles & Flourishes"
Announcement
"Hail to the Chief"

The President proceeds inside Grand Ballroom
en route stage and takes his seat for speech
to State of Israel Bonds Organization Dinner
in honor of Lane Kirkland.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE
ATTENDANCE: 1000

- 9:17 pm Introduction of the President by
Mr. Thomas Donahue, Secretary/Treasurer,
AFL-CIO.
- 9:18 pm Presidential remarks.
- OPEN PRESS COVERAGE
- 9:35 pm Remarks conclude.
- The President thanks his hosts and departs
Grand Ballroom en route motorcade for boarding.
- 9:40 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Washington Hilton Hotel en
route South Grounds.
- PRESS POOL COVERAGE
CLOSED DEPARTURE
(Driving time: 5 minutes)
- 9:45 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.

AMBASSADOR EVRON, LANE KIRKLAND, TOM DONAHUE,
MEMBERS OF THE "AFL-CIO" EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,
LEADERS OF THE INDEPENDENT UNIONS WHO HAVE COME TO HONOR LANE TONIGHT;

JOIN ME IN HONORING

AND OTHER FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

I WANT TO BEGIN ~~TONIGHT~~

BY OFFERING MY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION --

ON YOUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY,

AND ON HAVING JUST PASSED THE \$5 BILLION MARK.

THAT IS HOW MUCH THIS ORGANIZATION HAS RAISED FOR ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

AND I HAVE BEEN EAGER TO JOIN YOU TONIGHT

IN SALUTING A MAN WHO HAS WON MY DEEPEST ADMIRATION.

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MY FEELING FOR LANE KIRKLAND EXTENDS BEYOND POLITICS OR PARTY.

{ I WANT LANE TO KNOW,
HERE IN THE COMPANY OF THOSE HE LOVES & RESPECTS,
THAT IN ME HE HAS A FRIEND FOR LIFE. }

LANE & I HAVE A LOT IN COMMON.

- WE ARE BOTH DEMOCRATS
- WE ARE BOTH SOUTHERNERS.
- BOTH OF US ARE PROUD OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH TOGETHER.
- AND EACH OF US HAS BEEN ELECTED TO ONE TERM OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT. //

{ BUT I HAVE A STRONG FEELING
THAT THE SIMILARITY BETWEEN US IS ABOUT TO END AT THAT POINT. //

- FORTUNATELY FOR ORGANIZED LABOR,
- FORTUNATELY FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY,
- FORTUNATELY FOR PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD WHO HONOR HUMAN RIGHTS --
- WE EXPECT LANE KIRKLAND TO BE HEADING THE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT. //

FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. //

{ AS MANY OF YOU KNOW,
THE "AFL-CIO" HAS ITS MAIN OFFICE ON 16TH STREET,
RIGHT ACROSS FROM PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.

{ YOU MIGHT SAY THEY ARE WITHIN "SHOUTING DISTANCE" OF THE WHITE HOUSE --
A LITTLE FACT OF WHICH I ~~AM~~ ^{HAVE BEEN} REMINDED FROM TIME TO TIME. //

{ I KNOW THIS GREAT LABOR ORGANIZATION
IS PROUD OF ITS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE SEAT OF EXECUTIVE POWER IN OUR COUNTRY.

{ I AM TOLD THAT GEORGE MEANY ENJOYED TAKING FRIENDS TO HIS OFFICE WINDOW
AND POINTING OUT TO THEM HOW HIS OFFICE LOOKS "DOWN" ON THE WHITE HOUSE. //

{ I WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED
IF LANE CARRIES ON A SIMILAR RITUAL WHEN HIS FRIENDS VISIT HIM. //

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{ IN A FEW WEEKS I WILL BE LEAVING PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE,
BUT THERE IS, OF COURSE, A POSITIVE SIDE TO THE TRANSITION.
LANE KIRKLAND & THE "A-F-OF-L" WILL BE STAYING BEHIND.

{ IT IS NICE TO KNOW
THAT A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE WILL BE LOOKING AFTER THE NEIGHBORHOOD. //

{ TONIGHT I HAVE COME HERE
TO HELP YOU HONOR THIS GREAT AMERICAN IN A SPECIAL WAY.
GOLDA MEIR, IN HER LIFETIME, BECAME A SYMBOL OF ISRAEL,
BUT SHE WAS MORE THAN A SYMBOL.

{ I KNEW HER TO BE A LIVING, BREATHING, LOVING, HUMAN EXAMPLE
OF WHAT ISRAEL IS ALL ABOUT. /

GOLDA MEIR EMBODIED THE FINEST QUALITIES OF HER NATION.

- SHE WAS STRONG -- YET COMPASSIONATE.
- SHE WAS TOUGH-MINDED -- BUT ALSO AN IDEALIST.
- SHE HAD A BRIGHT VISION OF THE FUTURE -- BUT LIVED IN THE REAL WORLD.
- DEFIANT TO HER ENEMIES,
- SHE STILL FOUND HUMOR IN LIFE'S ADVERSITIES.
- SHE WAS { A LOVER OF DEMOCRACY & PEACE,
A CHAMPION OF WORKING PEOPLE,
A FIGHTER FOR THE RIGHTS OF LABOR. /

MOST OF ALL SHE WAS A LEADER.

AS A LEADER, SHE COULD DISTINGUISH THE PERMANENT FROM THE TRANSIENT.

SHE WAS A FIGHTER WHO ALWAYS KNEW THE REASON FOR HER STRUGGLE. //

IN OCTOBER OF 1972 SHE TOLD A CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN WOMEN,

{ "I DOUBT IF I WILL LIVE LONG ENOUGH

TO SEE AN ARAB LEADER WHO WANTS PEACE WITH ISRAEL."

AT THE TIME SHE SPOKE, HER DOUBTS WERE WELL FOUNDED.

*WHEN I FIRST MET
PRES SADAT*

~~5 YEARS LATER,~~

6 MONTHS LATER

{ AS PRES. ANWAR SADAT OF EGYPT ARRIVED ON HIS PEACE MISSION TO JERUSALEM,

SHE SAW THE BREAKTHROUGH FOR WHAT IT WAS.

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{ HERE IS WHAT SHE SAID TO PRES. SADAT
IN HER EMOTIONAL WELCOME TO HIM:

{ "WHEN I WAS ASKED MANY YEARS AGO WHEN I THOUGHT PEACE WOULD COME,
I SAID THE DATE I DO NOT KNOW.

{ BUT I KNOW UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS IT WILL COME:
WHEN THERE WILL BE A GREAT LEADER OF AN ARAB COUNTRY.

{ HE WILL WAKE UP ONE MORNING
& FEEL SORRY FOR HIS OWN PEOPLE,
& FOR HIS SONS THAT HAVE FALLEN IN BATTLE.

THAT DAY WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF PEACE." /

AND THEN SHE SAID THIS TO PRES. SADAT:

"YOU HAVE COME TO US

FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SONS AS WELL AS FOR THE SAKE OF OURS,
OF ALL MOTHERS WHO MOURN THEIR SONS THAT FELL IN BATTLE."

GOLDA MEIR COULD GET TO THE HEART OF A MATTER,

AND SO CAN LANE KIRKLAND.

WHERE THERE IS CONTROVERSY,

LANE STRIPS THE MATTER DOWN TO ITS BASICS.

• HE SEES WHAT IS ESSENTIAL, & WHAT IS NOT.

• HE SEES WHAT IS NEGOTIABLE, & WHAT IS NOT & CAN NEVER BE NEGOTIABLE.

{ LANE & I HAVE FOUGHT SIDE-BY-SIDE
FOR MANY GOOD CAUSES THESE PAST 4 YEARS.

{ WE HAVE NOT ALWAYS WON,
BUT I HAVE NEVER DOUBTED LANE'S STRENGTH
& HIS WILL TO KEEP RIGHT ON FIGHTING UNTIL THE GOAL IS ^{ULTIMATELY} WON.

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{ HIS COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL & ECONOMIC JUSTICE
DOES NOT STOP WITH THOSE QUESTIONS NARROWLY DEFINED AS "LABOR" ISSUES.
I WILL NEVER FORGET SOMETHING THAT LANE SAID IN THE SUMMER OF 1979.

{ WE WERE AT CAMP DAVID,
WRESTLING WITH THE CHALLENGE OF FOREIGN OIL DEPENDENCE,
TRYING TO AROUSE OUR NATION & TO TURN IT AROUND ON THIS URGENT MATTER.

LANE KIRKLAND SIZED UP THE SITUATION PERFECTLY.

NO ONE PUT THE WHOLE QUESTION BETTER THAN HE:

"MR. PRESIDENT," HE SAID, "THE ISSUE IS FREEDOM." //

MANY FAILED TO
UNDERSTAND ---

{ WHEN WE RAISED THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD,
HE UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT FIGHT -- & JOINED IT.
{ TO HIM, THE ISSUE WAS CLEAR:
{ WHAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SHOULD STAND FOR IN THE WORLD. /

{ WHEN THE UNITED STATES, ISRAEL & ITS MOST POWERFUL NEIGHBOR
{ BEGAN THEIR HISTORIC PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE,
HE KNEW THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT STRUGGLE TOO -- & JOINED IT.
{ TO HIM, THE ISSUE WAS CLEAR:
{ THE ISSUE WAS PEACE. /

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{ LANE KIRKLAND IS BEING HONORED TONIGHT WITH THE GOLDA MEIR LEADERSHIP AWARD
FOR "LEADERSHIP, SERVICE & DEDICATION
IN THE SPIRIT & MEASURE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL."

{ LIKE THE FOUNDERS OF ISRAEL,

{ LIKE GOLDA MEIR --

{ LANE IS COMMITTED TO THE RIGHTS OF WORKING PEOPLE.

HE HAS DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO PROTECTING & EXPANDING THOSE RIGHTS.

{ LIKE THE FOUNDERS OF ISRAEL,

{ LANE IS COMMITTED TO HUMAN RIGHTS.

TO HIM, LABOR RIGHTS & HUMAN RIGHTS ARE INDIVISIBLE.

LANE IS ALSO COMMITTED TO ISRAEL,

- TO ITS SECURITY,
- { ITS DEVELOPMENT,
- { ITS LONG-TERM PROSPERITY.

THAT COMMITMENT IS IN THE GREAT TRADITION OF AMERICAN TRADE UNIONISM.

IT WAS IN 1917

- { THAT THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR VOICED ITS OFFICIAL SUPPORT
- { FOR THE CLAIM OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE FOR A NATIONAL HOMELAND IN PALESTINE.
- { FOR MORE THAN 6 DECADES OF CHALLENGE & ADVERSITY,
- { THAT COMMITMENT HAS NEVER WAVERED.

THAT COMMITMENT IS SHARED TODAY BY AMERICA AS A WHOLE.

WE AMERICANS SUPPORT ISRAEL BECAUSE WE IDENTIFY WITH ITS STRUGGLE.

IT IS A STRUGGLE { FOR FREEDOM,

FOR DEMOCRACY,

FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

WE IDENTIFY WITH ISRAEL'S COURAGE -- ITS UNSWERVING DETERMINATION.

WE AMERICANS CARE ABOUT ISRAEL.

WE CARE ABOUT ITS PEOPLE,

BUT OUR SUPPORT FOR THAT GREAT COUNTRY

{ IS NOT JUST A CASE OF A BIG NATION LOOKING OUT FOR A SMALLER ONE. /

IT IS -- & SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS -- A PARTNERSHIP.

{ I HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO HELP IN FORGING THAT TRUE PARTNERSHIP
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES & ISRAEL:

{ A PARTNERSHIP BUILT NOT ON THE SUPERIORITY OF ONE OF THE PARTNERS,
BUT ON THE COMMON INTERESTS, ON COMMON GOALS, ON COMMON VALUES OF BOTH. /

{ IN MARCH OF LAST YEAR,

{ I WENT TO JERUSALEM TO HELP BRING THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS TO FRUITION.

{ WHILE THERE, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

{ AT ONE OF THE MOST DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL ASSEMBLIES IN THE WORLD -- THE KNESSET.

I CERTAINLY FOUND IT TO BE THE MOST LIVELY. //

{ HERE IS A NATION THAT HAS FOUGHT 4 WARS

{ IN WHICH ITS VERY SURVIVAL HAS BEEN AT STAKE.

{ HERE IS A NATION THAT HAS BEEN UNDER ATTACK

{ SINCE THE DAY OF ITS FOUNDING.

YET ISRAEL HAS NEVER LOST SIGHT OF ITS DEMOCRATIC FOUNDATIONS. /

FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS,

• IN SPITE OF WAR,

• IN SPITE OF TERRORISM,

• IN SPITE OF EVERY KIND OF INTERNATIONAL HARASSMENT,

THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL HAVE CLUNG FIERCELY TO THEIR OWN LIBERTY.

{ ISRAEL HAS PROVEN THAT DEMOCRACY NEED NOT BE SOMETHING

{ THAT A NATION HONORS ONLY WHEN ITS SECURITY IS CERTAIN. //

• ADMINISTRATIONS CHANGE.

• POLICIES ARE ALTERED.

• PEOPLE DISAGREE.

• GOVERNMENTS HAVE DIFFERENCES.

{ BUT THE VALUES THE UNITED STATES & ISRAEL HOLD IN COMMON

{ MUST & WILL ENDURE. /

ISRAEL HAS NEVER KNOWN PEACE -- NOT COMPLETE PEACE.

{ IT HAS ALWAYS FACED THE DANGERS OF TERRORISM,
THE DANGERS OF NEIGHBORS WHO THREATEN ITS VERY SURVIVAL. /

{ BUT THROUGH THE GOOD-WILL OF MANY PEOPLE,
THESE 3 GREAT COUNTRIES HAVE TAKEN A FIRST STEP.

WE HAVE BEGUN THE PROCESS.

{ WE HAVE TURNED 2 GREAT PEOPLES
FROM THE POSTURE OF WAR TO THE EMBRACE OF FRIENDSHIP.

WE HAVE BEEN PEACEMAKERS. /

OUR 3 NATIONS HAVE BEEN SOMETHING ELSE.

WE HAVE BEEN TEACHERS.

THE UNITED STATES, ISRAEL, & EGYPT HAVE SHOWN THE WORLD

• THAT ENMITY & HATRED ARE NOT IRREVERSIBLE,

• THAT PEOPLES CAN -- IF THEY CHOOSE -- LEARN TO LIVE TOGETHER,

LEARN TO WORK TOGETHER. /

TONIGHT WE HAVE COME HERE TO PAY HONOR TO A MAN

WHO HAS SHARED THIS COMMITMENT

TO ISRAEL & TO THE IDEALS FOR WHICH IT STANDS: • DEMOCRACY,

• HUMAN RIGHTS,

• & THE LOVE OF PEACE. /

IN CLOSING,

~~NOW~~ I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A WORD ABOUT THE FUTURE.

{ THIS EVENING

{ JEWS EVERYWHERE BEGIN THEIR ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM & DEDICATION.

{ THERE IS MUCH TO CELEBRATE THIS HANUKKAH.

{ SINCE THE FIRST HANUKKAH CANDLE WAS LIT,

{ WE HAVE SEEN 2000 YEARS OF PRESERVATION & CONTINUITY IN THE JEWISH FAITH.

{ AND, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THAT 2000-YEAR HISTORY,

{ AN INDEPENDENT, SECURE ISRAEL HAS SEEN { THAT PEACE IS POSSIBLE,

{ THAT PEACE IS NOT JUST A DREAM.

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{ THE PROCESS WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN,
THE LESSON THAT HAS BEEN LEARNED,
CAN BE THE BEGINNING OF A FULL & LASTING PEACE.

THAT GOAL CAN BE WON BY CARRYING ON WHAT HAS BEEN BEGUN.

{ IT MUST BE WON THROUGH NEGOTIATION --
NOT THROUGH TERRORISM OR A CONTINUED STATE OF BELLIGERENCE.

{ THE ROAD TO FULL PEACE WILL NOT BE EASY,
BUT THE DIRECTION HAS BEEN CLEARLY MARKED. /

BEGIN -
SADAT / MUBARAK

I AM PROUD OF WHAT WE HAVE STARTED. /

I AM PROUD, TOO, OF OUR COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL.

FOR ME THAT COMMITMENT HAS BEEN A PERSONAL ONE -- DEEPLY PERSONAL. /

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I CAME TO THE PRESIDENCY
DETERMINED THAT THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL
WOULD NEVER BE THREATENED BY ANOTHER WAR.

I LEAVE OFFICE HAVING HELPED IN FORGING
THE ONLY RECOGNIZED & FORMAL PEACE THAT ISRAEL HAS EVER KNOWN.
THIS IS A PRECIOUS THING -- NOT TO BE ABANDONED. /

IN A FEW WEEKS, MY PUBLIC DUTIES WILL PASS TO MY SUCCESSOR.

BUT MY COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL = TO THE PEACE IN EGYPT = & WITH ITS OTHER
-- TO THE PEACE IT DESERVES, TO THE PEACE IT CHERISHES --
WILL REMAIN WITH ME FOREVER. /

THANK YOU.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 1, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: Al McDonald
Rick Hertzberg
Chris Matthews

Subject: Presidential Talking
Points: Israel Bond
Dinner

Scheduled Delivery:
Tue, Dec 2, 9 p.m.
Washington Hilton

Your talking points for this dinner
are attached.

Clearances

Al Moses
Bob Hunter
Bernie Aronson
VP's Staff

9:00 PM

Chris Matthews
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Israel Bonds Dinner
Honoring Lane Kirkland

Ambassador Evron; Lane Kirkland; Tom Donahue; members of
the AFL-CIO Executive Council; leaders of the independent
unions who have come to honor Lane tonight.

I want to begin tonight by offering my congratulations
to the Israel Bond Organization. ~~I want to congratulate you~~
on your 30th anniversary of service, *and* ~~I would like to~~
~~congratulate you~~ on having just passed the \$5 billion mark.
That is how much this organization has raised for Israel's
economic development.

And have been eager ~~I want to thank you for this opportunity~~ to join you, *tonight*
saluting a man who has won my deepest admiration.

[These past months, Lane Kirkland has fought hard for

what we both believe in. As President, and as the leader of the Democratic Party, I have been grateful to have him for an ally. I know that the Vice President shares this gratitude.]

Lane Kirkland

2 My feeling for ~~the man you honor tonight~~ extends beyond politics or party. I want Lane to know, here in the company of those he loves and respects, that ^{in me} he has a friend for life.

Lane and I have a lot in common. We are both Democrats. We are both Southerners. Both of us are proud of what we ^{together.} have been able to accomplish. And each of us has ^{been elected to} ~~served~~ one term of office, ^{as President.}

But I have a strong feeling that the similarity between us is about to end at that point.

Fortunately for organized labor, fortunately for all the people of our country, fortunately for people around the world who honor human rights, ^{we expect} Lane Kirkland ^{to} ~~will~~ be heading the

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American labor movement for many years to come. *53*

As many of you know, the AFL-CIO has its main office on 16th Street, right across from Pennsylvania Avenue. You might say they are within "shouting distance" of the White House -- a little fact ^{of which} I am reminded ~~of~~ from time to time.

I know this great labor organization is proud of its close proximity to the seat of Executive power in our country. I am told that George Meany enjoyed taking friends to his office window and pointing out to them how his office looks "down" on the White House.

I would not be surprised if Lane carries on a similar ritual when ^{his} ~~he has~~ friends ~~stop by~~ *visit him.*

[As President, as a resident of the White House, I have had opportunity to look "up", figuratively as well as literally, to the two great men who have occupied the AFL-CIO's highest

office. I have looked up to them and all they have stood for.]

[I hope that Lane Kirkland will be looking out that window for many years to come -- for the good of organized labor, for the good of our country and its highest ideals.]

In a few weeks I will be leaving Pennsylvania Avenue, but there is, of course, a positive side to the transition. Lane Kirkland and the A-F-of-L will be staying behind. It is nice to know that a good friend of mine will be looking after the neighborhood.

Tonight I have come here to help you honor this great American in a special way.

Golda Meir, in her lifetime, became a symbol of Israel, but she was more than a symbol. *I knew her to be* ~~She was~~ a living, breathing, loving, human example of what Israel is all about.

Golda Meir embodied the finest qualities of her nation.

She was strong, yet compassionate. She was tough-minded but also an idealist. She had a ^{bright} ~~strong~~ vision of the future, but lived in the real world. Defiant to her enemies, she still found humor in life's adversities. She was a lover of democracy and peace, a champion of working people, a fighter for the rights of labor.

Most of all she was a leader. As a leader, she could distinguish the permanent from the ^{transient.} ~~transitory.~~ She was a fighter who ^{always knew the reason for her struggle.} ~~never lost sight of what she was fighting for.~~

In October of 1972 she told a conference of American women, "I doubt if I will live long enough to see an Arab leader who wants peace with Israel."

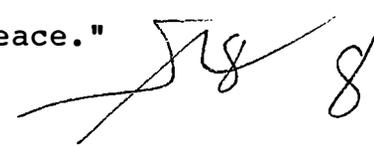
At the time she spoke, her doubts were well founded.

Five years later, as President Anwar Sadat of Egypt arrived on his peace mission to Jerusalem, she saw the

breakthrough for what it was.

Here is what she said to President Sadat, in her emotional welcome to him:

"When I was asked many years ago when I thought peace would come, I said the date I do not know. But I know under what conditions it will come: when there will be a great leader of an Arab country. He will wake up one morning and feel sorry for his own people, for his sons that have fallen in battle. That day will be the beginning of peace."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JG 8', located to the right of the first quote.

And then she said this to President Sadat:

"You have come to us for the sake of your sons as well as for the sake of ours, of all mothers who mourn their sons that fell in battle."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JG', located below the second quote.

Golda Meir could get to the heart of a matter. And so can Lane Kirkland. Where there is controversy, Lane strips

the matter down to its basics. He sees what is essential,
and what is not. He sees what is negotiable, and what is
and can never be
not, negotiable, ~~what can never be negotiable.~~

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Lane and I have fought side by side for many good causes
these past four years. We have not always won, but I have
never doubted Lane's strength and ^{his} will to keep right on
fighting until the goal is won.

His commitment to social and economic justice does not
stop with those questions narrowly defined as "labor" issues.
I will never forget something that Lane said in the summer
of 1979. We were at Camp David, wrestling with the challenge of
foreign oil dependence, trying to ^{arouse} ~~turn~~ our nation ^{and to turn it} around on
this urgent matter. Lane Kirkland sized up the situation
perfectly. No one put the whole question better than he:

"Mr. President," he said, "the issue is freedom."

When ^{we} ~~our nation~~ raised the issue of human rights around the world, he ^{understood} ~~knew~~ the importance of that fight -- and joined it. To him, the issue was clear: what ^{the United States of America} ~~our country~~ should stand for in the world.

When the United States, Israel and its most powerful neighbor began their historic progress toward peace, he knew the importance of that struggle too -- and joined it.

To him, the issue was clear. The issue was peace.

Lane Kirkland is being honored tonight with the Golda Meir Leadership Award for "leadership, service and dedication in the spirit and measure of the founders of the State of Israel."

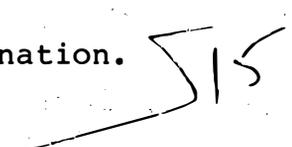
Like the founders of Israel, like Golda Meir, Lane is committed to the rights of working people. He has dedicated his life to protecting and expanding those rights.

Like the founders of Israel, Lane is committed to human

rights. To him, labor rights and human rights are indivisible.

Lane is also committed to Israel, to its security, its development, its long-term prosperity. That commitment is in the great tradition of American trade unionism. It was in 1917 that the American Federation of Labor voiced its official support for the claim of the Jewish people for a national homeland in Palestine. For more than six decades of challenge and adversity, that commitment has never wavered.

That commitment is shared today by America as a whole. We Americans support Israel because we identify with its struggle. It is a struggle for freedom, for democracy, for the protection of human rights. We identify with Israel's courage, its unswerving determination.



We Americans care about Israel. We care about its people, but our support for that great country is not just a case of a big nation looking out for a smaller one.

It is, and should be recognized as, a partnership. I have been privileged to ^{help}~~work~~ in forging that true partnership between the United States and Israel: a partnership built not on the superiority of one of the partners, but on the common interests, on common goals, on common values of both.

In March of last year, I went to Jerusalem to help bring the Camp David accords to fruition. While there, I had the opportunity to speak at one of the most democratic political assemblies in the world: the Knesset. ^I ~~Certainly~~ ^{found it to be} ~~it is~~ the most lively.

Here is a nation that has fought four wars in which its very survival has been at stake. Here is a nation that has been under attack since the very day of its founding. Yet Israel has never lost sight of its democratic foundations.

For more than 30 years, in spite of war, in spite of terrorism, in spite of every kind of international harassment,

the people of Israel have clung fiercely to their^{own} liberty.

Israel has proven that democracy need not be something that
a nation honors only when its security is ~~assured~~^{guaranteed}.
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Administrations change. Policies are altered. People
disagree. Governments have differences. But the values the
United States and Israel hold in common must and will endure.

I am proud of the part I could play -- through those
historic days at Camp David, and Washington, and Cairo and
Jerusalem -- in bringing the first hard step toward peace in
the Middle East.

Israel has never known peace, not complete peace. It
has always faced the dangers of terrorism, the dangers of
neighbors who threaten its very survival.

But through the good will of many people, these three
great countries have taken a first step. We have begun the

process. We have turned two great peoples from the posture of war to the embrace of friendship. We have been peacemakers.

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Our ^Anations have been something else. We have been teachers. The United States, Israel, and Egypt have shown the world that enmity and hatred are not irreversible, that peoples can, if they choose, learn to live together, learn to work together.

Tonight we have come here to pay honor to a man who has shared this commitment ^{the ideals for which} to Israel and to ~~what~~ ^{what} it stands: ~~for~~ democracy, human rights, and the love of peace, [the greatest leader of trade unionism, in the world, Lane Kirkland,]

Now I would like to say a word about the future.

This evening Jews everywhere begin their annual celebration of freedom and dedication. There is much to celebrate this Hanukkah.

Since the first Hanukkah candle was lit, we have seen two thousand years of preservation and continuity in the Jewish faith.

And, for the first time in that 2000-year history, an independent, secure Israel has seen that peace is possible, that peace is not just a dream.

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The process we have undertaken, the lesson that has been learned, can be the beginning of a full and lasting peace. That goal can be won by carrying on what has been begun. It must be won through negotiation -- not through terrorism or a continued state of belligerence. The road to full peace will not be easy, but the direction has been clearly marked.

I am proud of what we ^{have} started.

I am proud, too, of our commitment to Israel. For me that commitment has been a personal one -- deeply personal.

I came to the Presidency determined that the security of Israel would never be threatened by another war. I leave office having ^{helped} joined in ~~the~~ forging the only recognized and formal peace that Israel has ever known. *This is a precious thing -- not to be abandoned.*

In a few weeks, my public duties will pass to my successor. But my commitment to Israel -- to the peace it deserves, to the peace it cherishes -- will remain with me forever.

Thank you.

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