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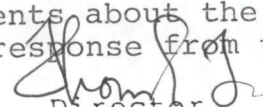
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No reply to this letter is necessary. The letter makes no specific points about our policy in the Middle East, nor does it ask specific questions we could reply to. Also, the letter makes prejudiced statements about the Moslem religion which do not merit a response from the U.S. Government.


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March 15, 1991

Dear President Bush:

I am enclosing for your attention an editorial commentary by Cal Thomas, which expresses my own viewpoints and concerns and those of the 35,000 members of the Political Action Network Committee of B'nai B'rith (P. A. N.) I write you in my capacity of District Five Chairman, which encompasses 7 states from Washington, D.C. south to Florida.

I am enclosing a documented excerpt from an open letter to King Hussein of Jordan, from the Saudi Ambassador, as reported in the Washington Post, Sept. 26, 1990. (the palestinian problem has been an arab problem which the israeli's inherited in their own successful defense).

Last, but not least, you will find documented quotes from Yassir Arafat, as reported by the Consulate General of Israel, located in Miami, Florida.

How can our Congressional representatives, let alone our President, and Secretary of State, entertain even the thought of urging Israel to negotiate with the likes of Yassir Arafat? This man was as much an enemy of ours as was Saddam Hussein, and may still be. How can his words or thoughts hold any credibility for today let alone the future? Nevertheless, it seems the Palestinians and Arafat want to dictate THEIR TERMS TO THE DEMOCRATIC WORLD AND TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL. THIS GIVES NEW MEANING TO THE WORD, "CHUTZPAH".

In closing, the Koran, the holy book of the Moslems, prescribes:

- 1 - the Bible is a forgery.
- 2 - the people in the Bible (Christians & Jews) are infidels, called in arabic "Dhimmi".
- 3 - "Dhimmis" (infidels/non-believers, in Islam) do not deserve to exist.
- 4 - Lying to "Dhimmis" and cheating them is perfectly moral.

[Signature]
Danny Kravitz

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Rare Candor From Saudis

Excerpts from an open letter to King Hussein from the Saudi Ambassador:

Your majesty, you claimed to defend the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and a state of their own. And I support you in that. But you were responsible for the Palestinian homeland on the West Bank from 1948 to 1967. Why in all that period did you not give them their rights and statehood?

When you needed Saudi troops to help you, they came and spent 10 years in your country at your asking. And we did not question why or why not, nor raise "ifs," "and," or "buts," as you do now.

You say the Kuwaiti-Iraqi border is disputed and based on a historical record created by the colonial British. Your Majesty, you should be the last one to say that. Not only all your borders, but your whole country was created by the same colonial British. And do you remember when the British troops were invited by you into your country in 1958? We did not object or question your motives and judgement over that.

I hope you are proud of your new friends — Saddam Hussein, Abul Abbas, Abu Nidal, Habash, Hawatmeh, and the rest of the unholy crowd (*Washington Post*, Sept. 26).



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Arafat's Declaration of Solidarity with Iraq

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

In a speech before the Assembly in Bagdad, on January 7, Arafat said that if the United States and its allies want to fight against Iraq because of the occupation of Kwait:

"Then I say welcome, welcome, welcome to the war. Iraq and Palestine represent a common will. We will be together side by side and after the great battle, God willing, we will pray together in Jerusalem. The Iraqi fighters and the Palestine stone throwers have an appointment with victory together."

In an interview in the Today Show, responding to the question on his close contacts with Saddam Hussein:

"I am not his ally. He is my ally. He is the strongest to my people and their occupation."

Editorial

Under the Mask of Faisal Hussein

Faisal Hussein, the leader of the Palestinian Arab delegation which met with Secretary of State James Baker this week, has been widely portrayed as a "moderate." The truth, however, is considerably more complex.

In an interview in the PLO's *Journal of Palestine Studies* last year, Hussein explicitly endorsed the use of "armed struggle," the traditional PLO euphemism for wanton terror against Israel. "When there is an occupation, people have the right to fight it by any means they can, including the armed struggle," Hussein asserted. "I believe that at this stage, other means will work better. I am not saying that we should renounce the armed struggle... The armed struggle is only part of the political struggle."

Hussein then revealed some disturbing details about his past. It turns out, for example, that this "moderate" is actually a veteran terrorist. "I joined the Palestine Liberation Army" — the Syrian faction of the PLO — "in 1966, and went to officers' school in Syria. (In 1967) I was sent to train Palestinian fighters in Lebanon," (meaning he trained terrorists to launch cross-border murder raids into northern Israel). After the Six Day War, Hussein slipped into Jerusalem and began organizing a local terror cell. He was arrested after Israeli police "searched my house and found two disassembled weapons," and he spent time in prison for the crime.

The other fascinating aspect of the interview was Hussein's comment on the question of whether a small Palestinian state would serve as a launching pad for future attempts to conquer the rest of Israel. Asked if he still adhered to the traditional PLO goal of a "democratic secular state," Hussein described that goal as "a beautiful dream," and concluded: "As to the future — who can say? Who can guarantee that our children or grandchildren fifty years from now will not ask why we haven't chosen the democratic, secular state?" It was a coy way of saying, "Let's be patient, take what we can right now, and eventually we'll conquer the rest of Palestine."

It comes as no surprise that former Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin once described Faisal Hussein as "the number one PLO representative in the territories." By cleverly combining political and terrorist methods, Hussein is doing an expert job of advancing the PLO's deadly agenda.

OPINION

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Mack's Resolution Calls on Arabs To Recognize Israel

WASHINGTON, D.C. — United States Senators Connie Mack (R-FL) and Charles S. Robb (D-VA) introduced a resolution March 7, calling on the Administration to encourage Arab nations to recognize Israel's right to exist.

The resolution was introduced as Secretary of State James Baker was preparing to visit Arab and Israeli leaders.

Under the resolution, Arab nations are urged to recognize Israel before any peace talks can begin.

"The Persian Gulf War brought to light the incredible security concerns Israel must face," Mack said. "Now is the best time in perhaps generations to bring about lasting peace in the Middle East if Arab nations recognize Israel's right to exist."

"In March 1979, Egypt and Israel signed an historic peace treaty. Now, twelve years later, Egypt's Arab brothers have the best opportunity in years to make peace with Israel as a neighbor."

The resolution states that it is the sense of the Congress that:

- all Arab nations which have refused to recognize Israel and have maintained a state of belligerency with the State of Israel should recognize Israel, end the economic boycott against Israel, end the state of belligerency with Israel, and enter into direct negotiations with Israel for the purpose of concluding peace treaties and establishing full diplomatic relations.
- the United States should use all available means to influence and encourage the Arab states which were allied with the United States in the Gulf War to achieve the objectives (in the above paragraph).

The bill was also co-sponsored by Senators Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY) and Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ).

Peace? Arab attitudes must change!

After four decades of fomenting anti-Israel hatred and hostilities

THE WORLD is expecting, even demanding, a settlement to the nearly 43-year-old dispute between Israel and its Arab neighbors, as well as resolution of the "Palestinian problem" that much of the world sees as an integral part of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

As Secretary of State James Baker visits the region (and Israel for the first time), "experts" and some editorial writers are saying that there has never been a better opportunity to reach an accord than in the aftermath of the war with Iraq, during which "moderate" Arab nations aligned themselves with the West.

This is a dangerous and inaccurate conclusion to draw from the war. The problem has been and is most likely to remain not a few hundred square miles of land that make up the West Bank and Gaza Strip, but the attitude of millions of Arabs about the very existence of Israel and the Jewish people.

Abhorrence to the existence of Jews

Arab literature, schoolbooks, and public pronouncements are filled with hatred and animosity toward Jews. A Kuwaiti newspaper, *Al-Qabas*, described Jews in a Nov. 28, 1989, article as "human scum" and persons in whom "treachery is inbred." Abhorrence to the very existence of Jews on Earth is commonly read in publications in all Arab countries, including Egypt, which is officially at peace with Israel but whose opposition media continue to convey the worst anti-Semitic epithets.

Karl von Clausewitz noted more than a century and a half ago: Where there are hostile emotions, there are hostile intentions. The hostile emotions have subsided not at all. It is unlikely that the outcome of the Gulf War has caused a reduction in the hostile intentions of most Arab states.

CAL THOMAS

During the war, the PLO and its allies urged Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein to attack Israel and its civilian population. Can the PLO be considered a legitimate representative of the Palestinian people? If so, then the true intentions of the Palestinian people must be viewed as identical to those of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. He said on Baghdad television on Dec. 31, 1990: "We will answer the Zionist enemy, and say to him in 1991: a land without the Israeli or Zionist people. This land is Arab. Arab. Arab. Palestinian in her face and Arab in her heart."

How safe would Israel be next to a Palestinian state with Arafat, or someone like him, as its president and committed to an all-Arab "Palestine"?

But the Palestinian issue is, a side issue. The real issue is whether Arab nations are willing to put aside years of hatred and hostility to make peace with the sovereign nation of Israel. As national-security-affairs expert Steven Emerson has written, "The Palestinians are not interested in or capable of living in peace with the Israelis. Most Palestinians have sheer hatred for Jews." Too harsh a judgment? If so, the burden lies on the Palestinians and their leaders to prove otherwise, not on those such as Emerson, who have ample evidence to buttress their case.

The idea of "land for peace" is foreign to the Islamic world. Terms such as "human rights," "civil rights," "democracy," "free elections," "self-determination," and "peace" are precious to the West but are not practiced fully in any Arab nation. As British analyst David Pryce-Jones noted in the January 1989 issue of *Commentary* magazine, the bandying about of these words in the Arab states is merely a disguise for "an absolute rule that could not be declared openly as such."

Instead of pressuring Israel with "land for peace" formulas, the United States ought to be concentrating on the real needs of the Arab world: overcoming ignorance, fanaticism, hate, exploitation by their fellow Arabs; proper development of their resources; advancing agricultural and water projects; and so on.

In his speech to Congress last week, President Bush was right to call for compromise, however, ignores ought to be doing the compromising, however, ignores who has been the predator in the region and who has been the potential meal.

The Arab nations have lost every war that they have launched against Israel. Each of those wars was for the purpose of occupying all of Israel and driving every Jew to his grave or into the sea. Each time that the Arab nations lost, they came back to try again.

It takes only one lost war

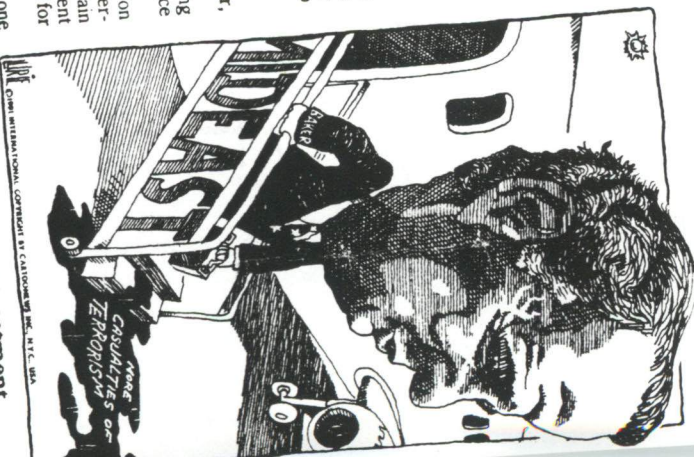
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Concerning Arab attitudes, it is worth remembering a line from the Covenant of the Islamic Resistance Movement, published in 1988:

"There is no solution for the Palestinian question except through jihad. Initiatives, proposals, and international conferences are all a waste of time and vain endeavors. . . . The Islamic Resistance Movement believes that the land of Palestine is . . . consecrated for future Muslim generations until Judgment Day." Now, there's an attitude that will take more than one visit by Secretary of State Baker to change.

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