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NEW AND REASONABLE APPROACH TO THE
PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI CONFLICT

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February 21, 1989

Dear Mike:

I appreciate the material you sent early in January regarding Middle East issues.

I am forwarding this, and Dr. Richard Schwartz's letter and recommendations, to officials at the Department of State who are directly responsible for this area.

Thanks again for writing, and your input is very helpful.

Sincerely,

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Chief of Staff

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January 4, 1988

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The Honorable John H. Sununu
Governor of New Hampshire
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Dear Governor Sununu:

I am writing at the suggestion of Michael Marge, a long-time friend and neighbor. Over the years, he and I have discussed the problems of the Middle East. Eight years ago, he helped me to start a dialogue between Jews, Palestinians and others in the Syracuse area that has been going ever since. Two years ago, the Syracuse Area Middle East Dialogue (SAMED) helped to establish the American Coalition for Middle East Dialogue (ACMED), which now has a dozen chapters from Los Angeles and Seattle to Pittsburgh and Boston.

Some of these chapters have developed position statements that seem to foreshadow recent and potential moves toward a two-state solution. For example, in 1984 SAMED issued a consensus statement calling for Israel and the PLO mutually and simultaneously to recognize the legitimacy of Israel and the legitimacy of self-determination for the Palestinians, including the option of an independent state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. A copy of that consensus statement, with explanatory rationale, is included in the ACMED manual -- a copy of which is enclosed. I present this as evidence of the feasibility and value of dialogue that seeks constructive paths toward a reconciliatory peace.

My suggestion is that the same principle be applied at the national level to help advise on Middle East policy. It should now be possible to bring together a well-qualified Middle East panel consisting of mainstream American Jews and mainstream American Palestinians, plus some interested others, to advise the State Department on paths toward peace in the Middle East. Such a panel could help to create a consensus, first through its own internal dialogue, then through creating a public forum to facilitate public support as the U.S. moves to encourage a reconciliatory peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

If such a panel were created under the joint sponsorship of the White House and the Congress, I am sure that it could attract outstanding citizens to serve. I have in mind such Palestinians as Edward Said, Ibrahim Abu-Lugod, Daoud Assad, Rashid Khalidi, Hisham Sharabi and Mohammed Darwashi; and such Jews as Alexander Schindler, Arthur Hertzberg, Albert Vorspan, Jerome Shestack, Wolfe Kelman, and Marshall Meyer. (Two outstanding additions would be Elie Wiesel and Walid Khadidi, but since I don't know them, I cannot guess at their potential availability.)

If this suggestion seems promising to you, I would be glad to discuss it with you in person.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Schwartz

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January 4, 1989

The Honorable John H. Sununu
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Dear John,

As you assume your new duties as Chief of the White House Staff, I am certain that foreign affairs will be a matter of considerable concern. Of particular interest to Republicans and supporters of President Bush is a successful resolution of the Middle East conflict during the early part of the President's term.

President Reagan has set the stage for the possibility of an effective solution to the Palestinian-Israeli problem, now that we can speak to the PLO. You and the President may wish to seize the opportunity for a peaceful settlement by bringing together a Middle East advisory group comprised of American Jews and Americans of Palestinian ethnicity. A model for such a dialogue has been in existence for a number of years and provides an example of what should now take place at the Federal level.

Attached is a recommendation by my good friend and colleague, Dr. Richard Schwartz, distinguished professor of law at Syracuse University. Dr. Schwartz has been the prime mover for the establishment of a new and reasonable approach to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

I am persuaded that Red Schwartz's recommendation is worthy and has the potential for attaining greater strides toward peace in the Middle East.

Please accept my best wishes and prayers for your success in the new position.

Sincerely,

Mike —

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