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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Dear Jack:

Thanks for your letter of the 23rd. I look forward to hearing from you and working with you in the coming years. I have forwarded your observations to the National Security Council staff for further review.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



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Mr. James P. Pinkerton
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Dear Jim:

Congratulations once again on your appointment. I enjoyed talking with you at several of the inaugural events, and welcome this opportunity to share with you some thoughts on some of the issues which interest the Jewish community.

Issue 1: Arafat and the P.L.O.

There is unease in the community over what appears to be a rush to embrace Arafat and the P.L.O. The President has declared that he requires the P.L.O. to remove the conditions of their covenant that call for the destruction of Israel, and that brand Israel as "illegitimate". We are hoping the President will also restate that he continues to be opposed to an independent Palestinian state in the area, and that the solution to the problem must involve King Hussein of Jordan.

Issue 2: Prime Minister Shamir's visit to Washington.

Israel's sense of security should be strengthened during his forthcoming visit. A strong secure Israel, confident of America's continuing support will be able to be more flexible in negotiations for peace. Israel fears the P.L.O. Twenty years of terror cannot be erased by the equivocal conversion of Arafat. I think we should proceed slowly in our relations with the P.L.O.

Issue 3: Financial Aid to Israel.

Information is floating around that there will be an across-the-board cut of 2% in foreign aid. This cut in aid would mean about 150 million dollars less for Israel at a time when she is stretched to maintain necessary military strength to meet newly heavily armed Arab nations still in a state of war against Israel.

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Issue 4: Arms sale to Saudi Arabia.

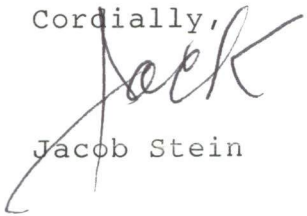
The Saudis are expected to request a major purchase of F-15 or F-16 aircraft. The time has arrived when we should ask the Saudis to join us in the peace process, and as a first step, to recognize Israel. We should pressure the Saudis to stop their funding of the Intifada and call for a halt to the uprising so that peace talks can begin.

Issue 5: Soviet Jewish immigration.

Indications are that 35,000-40,000 Soviet Jews will be coming to the United States during the next twelve months. I understand that the number that qualify to come in as refugees is limited and that many will come into this country with a parole visa. The Jewish community may have to launch a major fund raising drive to assist those who come in via the parole visa. This would be done even as we would like all emigrating Soviet Jews to travel of their own free will to Israel. It would be helpful if some way could be developed to assist all Soviet Jews wanting to come to the United States to do so, receiving the benefits of the refugee programs.

Jim, just a few thoughts on a few issues that I wanted to bring to your attention.

Cordially,



Jacob Stein

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