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March 24, 1989

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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March 24, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES W. CICCONE

FROM

G. PHILIP HUGHES *Philip*

SUBJECT: Presidential Statement on the Tenth Anniversary of
the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty

The tenth anniversary of the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty falls on Easter Sunday, March 26. As the first such treaty between Israel and an Arab nation, the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty represents the crowning achievement of the Camp David Accords and a central bulwark of U.S. policy.

The U.S. was instrumental in this historic achievement, and it would be appropriate -- and expected -- that we commemorate this occasion with a statement from the President (Tab A).

We recommend release of the statement from the President on Friday, March 24. Although this precedes the anniversary, the timing would be understandable given the Easter weekend.

Attachment

Tab A Presidential Statement

cc Marlin Fitzwater

Statement
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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

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I am most pleased to sign today this resolution which accords the official recognition of the United States Government to the historic accomplishment of a Treaty of Peace between Israel and Egypt signed in Washington, D.C. on March 26, 1979.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUMDATE: 3/24/89ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: c.o.b. 3/27/89SUBJECT: S.J. RES. 87 TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN PEACE
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REMARKS:

Please provide your comments/recommendations directly to my office by c.o.b. Monday, 3/27/89. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
Ext. 2702



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

March 24, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Resolution S.J.Res. 87 - Tenth Anniversary of
Israeli-Egyptian Peace
Sponsors - Sen. Boschwitz (R) Minnesota and 6 others

Last Day for Action

The day being commemorated is Sunday, March 26, 1989.

Purpose

Commends the Governments of Israel and Egypt on the 10th anniversary of the Treaty of Peace between the two nations.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Department of State	Approval (Signing Statement attached)
National Security Council	Approval (Informally)

Discussion

S.J.Res. 87, which passed both Houses of Congress by voice vote, commends Israel and Egypt for signing the Treaty of Peace of March 26, 1979. In addition, the enrolled resolution:

- calls upon the President to undertake appropriate public activities to mark the anniversary;
- welcomes the willingness of Israel and Egypt to continue observing their international obligations under the Treaty; and
- calls upon other Arab nations and the Palestinians to (1) join actively in the peace process; (2) renounce war and acts of violence; and (3) enter into face-to-face negotiations with Israel to achieve real peace.

In its enrolled bill views letter, the Department of State recommends that the occasion be marked by suitable commemoration. The Department has prepared a signing statement, which is

attached to its views letter, for your consideration. The proposed statement recognizes the efforts of those individuals responsible for the Peace Treaty, and states the Administration's commitment to achieving a broader peace in the Middle East.

Because the anniversary date of March 26, 1989, falls on Easter Sunday, State recommends that your approval of the enrolled resolution and issuance of the proposed signing statement be scheduled for Monday, March 27th. State's proposed signing statement has been reviewed by this Office and the National Security Council, and we recommend that it be issued.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dick Darman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard G. Darman
Director

Enclosures



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

MAR 24 1989

Dear Mr. Darman:

The Enrolled Bill S.J.Res. 87 notes that March 26, 1989 marks the tenth anniversary of the signing in Washington, D.C. of the Treaty of Peace between Israel and Egypt. It calls for the President to mark the anniversary with appropriate public activities.

The resolution is consistent with the views of the Administration that the occasion should be marked by a suitable commemoration. The Department has proposed that the President make a formal statement and send to President Mubarak of Egypt and Prime Minister Shamir of Israel congratulatory messages on the anniversary of the Treaty. The Congresssional resolution provides an additional opportunity to note the occasion.

In addition to its call for appropriate activities, the resolution commends Israel and Egypt for their historic act of courage and statesmanship. It also calls on other Arab states and the Palestinian people to join actively in the peace process, renounce war and acts of violence, and enter into direct negotiations with Israel to achieve a just and lasting peace. Each of these recommendations is consistent with Administration policies.

The Department of State recommends that the resolution be signed into law, and that the enclosed signing statement be issued. As the actual anniversary date falls this year on Easter Sunday, the Department believes that another date, as close as possible to the actual anniversary, would be preferable. The Department proposes that the signing be scheduled, if possible, for Monday, March 27, 1989.

Sincerely,

Janet G. Mullins
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

The Honorable
Richard G. Darman, Director,
Office of Management and Budget.

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I am most pleased to sign today SJ Res 87, which accords the official recognition of the United States Government to the historic accomplishment of a Treaty of Peace between Israel and Egypt signed in Washington, D.C. on March 26, 1979.

One Hundred First Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the third day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine*

Joint Resolution

To commend the Governments of Israel and Egypt on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Treaty of Peace between Israel and Egypt.

Whereas in Washington, District of Columbia, on March 26, 1979, the Governments of Israel and Egypt, with the support and encouragement of the United States, signed a treaty of peace formally ending their state of war;

Whereas this treaty, the only peace agreement between Israel and an Arab nation, remains a crucial element in fostering peace in the Middle East;

Whereas under terms of this historic document Israel and Egypt agreed to end the state of war between them, Israel fully withdrew its military forces and civilian settlements from the Sinai Peninsula, and Israel and Egypt established formal diplomatic relations, including the exchange of ambassadors;

Whereas the establishment of peace between Israel and Egypt demonstrates that direct bilateral negotiations are the most effective way to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict and can lead to lasting and mutually beneficial results;

Whereas the other parties to the conflict have been unwilling to enter into direct bilateral negotiations but continue to maintain a state of war against Israel;

Whereas the continuation of the conflict has exacted a high cost in human lives and human suffering from both Israelis and Arabs; and

Whereas the treaty has allowed the peoples of Israel and Egypt to begin to build a network of cultural, economic, personal, and political contacts among themselves: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States Government—

(1) commends Israel and Egypt for their historic act of courage and statesmanship in signing the Treaty of Peace of March 26, 1979;

(2) calls upon the President to mark this historic anniversary with appropriate public activities;

(3) welcomes the willingness of Israel and Egypt to continue to observe the international obligations they have accepted which have contributed to the peace and stability of the region; and

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(4) calls upon other Arab nations and the Palestinians to follow the example of Israel and Egypt, to join actively in the peace process, to renounce the state of war and acts of violence, and to enter into face-to-face negotiations to achieve a just and lasting peace.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 27, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RP*

SUBJECT: S.J. Res. 87 - Tenth Anniversary of Israeli-Egyptian Peace

I concur with the recommendation that you approve the enrolled resolution S.J. Res. 87 commemorating the Tenth Anniversary of Israeli-Egyptian Peace. I also concur with the suggestion that the proposed signing statement be released on Monday, March 27 and I have no suggested changes in the signing statement prepared by the Department of State.

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