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March 31, 1989

President George Bush
The White House
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Mr. President:

NSC
Mr. Yitshak Shamir is coming to Washington on the 7th of April. He is coming with stale ideas within the framework of the Camp David Autonomy Plan, which he himself personally opposed. Mr. Shamir and Mr. Arens and the Likud leadership have no intention of making peace. Their objective is to stall the peace process until they are able to establish more settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, expel the Palestinians and annex the territories. Their ideas of municipal elections, or general elections to create a Palestinian leadership in the West Bank and Gaza to negotiate terms for an interim solution, will only frustrate the peace process.

Mr. President, the Palestinians were recognized as a provisionally independent nation by the Covenant of the League of Nations in 1919. The British Government, as Mandatory Power, issued the White Paper of 1939, which stated, inter alia, the following:

"His Majesty's Government now declare unequivocally that it is not part of their policy that Palestine should become a Jewish State. They would indeed regard it as contrary to their obligations to the Arabs under the Mandate, as well as to the assurances which have been given to the Arab people in the past, that the Arab population of Palestine should be made the subjects of a Jewish State against their will...The object of His Majesty's Government is the establishment within ten years of an independent Palestine State...The independent State should be one in which Arabs and Jews share in government in such a way to ensure that the essential interests of each community are safeguarded."

On the 29th of November, 1947 the United Nations General Assembly decided by 33 votes in favor, 13 opposed and 10 abstentions, to recommend the partition of Palestine into an

Arab State (comprising 42.88% of the area of Palestine); a Jewish State (comprising 56.4% of the area of Palestine); and an International Regime for the City of Jerusalem (comprising 0.6% of the area of Palestine). While the United Nations was debating a Trusteeship Resolution submitted by the United States to place Palestine under United Nations Trusteeship until a peaceful solution was found, the Zionists used force and massacres to expel 800,000 Palestinians, occupy 80% of the area of Palestine, and declare a Jewish State. They usurped the homes and lands of the Palestinian Arabs in 497 small towns and villages and 12 large towns and cities.

In 1967 they occupied the remaining 20% of the area of Palestine and expelled another 300,000 Palestinians. Since 1967 they have usurped 65% of the lands of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza and 95% of their water resources. They have violated the terms of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and have annexed the City of Jerusalem and the Golan Heights. The Likud Party, and Mr. Shamir, consider the Palestinians as "invaders of the Land of Israel." They have no intention or desire to make peace with the Palestinians or other Arabs in the area. They rely on the military, financial and political support of the United States to defy the United Nations and the entire world. Their ultimate objective is the expulsion of the Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza and the annexation of these territories.

For the above reasons, Mr. President, the only way to achieve peace in the Middle East is for the United States to use its good offices in accordance with international law and justice, the United Nations Charter and United Nations Resolutions. We hereby respectfully submit to you, Mr. President, and to Secretary of State James Baker III, and to distinguished Members of Congress, the following practical steps for a permanent and just solution of the Palestine Problem and the Middle East Problems:

THE FIRST STEP

1. The United Nations Security Council must adopt a Resolution terminating Israeli illegal occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, which was established by aggression and conquest in violation of international law and where Israel is committing War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity.
2. A United Nation Force should be formed to be sent immediately to the West Bank and Gaza to protect peace and security and end the bloodshed in the West Bank and Gaza.
3. A United Nations Commission should be sent to the West Bank and Gaza to assist the Palestinians to elect their Constituent Assembly and exercise their right of self-determination. The

Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza should decide whether they should form a separate state or form a Federation or Confederation with the Kingdom of Jordan. No elections should be held in the West Bank and Gaza under Israeli occupation.

THE SECOND STEP

The Permanent Members of the Security Council should consult with the Palestine State in the West Bank and Gaza, the Palestine Liberation Organization, Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt for the preparation of an International Peace Conference for the object of solving the following problems:

1. The Palestine Problem

- a. The Right of Return of the Palestinian refugees who were expelled in 1948, and their heirs.
- b. The restitution to Palestinian refugees and their heirs of all lands and properties which were usurped from 1948 to 1967 in 497 small towns and villages and in 12 large towns and cities.
- c. The restitution of all lands and properties which were usurped by Israel from 1967 until today in the West Bank and Gaza.
- d. The evacuation of the Jewish settlers from the West Bank and Gaza and settling some Palestinian refugees in the homes of these settlers.
- e. Whether the Palestinian Arabs and Palestinian Jews are willing to live together in a Federal State with Jewish and Arab Cantons, provided the State, whether it is called Palestine or the Holy Land, should be demilitarized and that all weapons should be taken back by the United States and the price thereof is used for the development of the Holy Land State.
- f. A fund of \$60 billion should be established by contributions from the United States, Western Europe and Arab oil States for the development of the Holy Land State.
- g. The Jews from Arab countries who were either forced or left for any other reason should be given the Right of Return to Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Yemen, Morocco, Tunisia and Libya. All of their lands and properties should be restituted to them and their heirs.
- h. An International Religious Council of Christians, Muslims and Jews should be formed for the guardianship of Holy Places of all religions. This Council should have as its members nine

Christians, three Roman Catholics nominated by the Vatican, three Protestants nominated by the World Council of Churches, and three Eastern Orthodox nominated by the Oecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople. It shall contain nine Muslims, to be elected by Al-Azhar, Saudi Arabia and the rest of the Muslim World. It shall contain nine Jewish representatives, three Orthodox Ashkenazim, three Orthodox Sephardim, and three Reformed Jews.

2. The Syrian Problem (Golan Heights)

a. Israeli forces must withdraw from the Golan Heights and Syria should receive compensation for the destruction of cities and towns in the Golan Heights.

b. All Israeli settlers should be withdrawn from the Golan Heights and Syrian refugees settled in the homes built by Israel.

c. The political and military relations between Syria and the Holy Land State should be negotiated between the two states.

3. The Lebanese Problem

a. Israeli forces must withdraw from Lebanon and the Lebanese armed forces formed by Israel in southern Lebanon must be disbanded.

b. Syrian forces must be withdrawn from Lebanon.

c. The International Peace Conference should convene a Special Conference of representatives of all communities in Lebanon to reconstitute Lebanon as a unitary, sovereign democratic state for all the people of Lebanon.

Mr. President, these are issues which must be settled if the United States wants to use its influence to establish permanent and just peace in the Middle East. Israeli sponsored "think tanks" in Washington are submitting to your Administration certain ideas which will only perpetuate Middle East disturbances and bloodshed and will finally lead to nuclear and chemical warfare.

The United States, Mr. President, has the greatest responsibility in this matter, because no solution can be made for the Palestine and other Middle East problems unless the United States acts as a great power, leader of the free world,

and rid itself of Zionist influence and pressure. The United States should act with even-handedness in accordance with International Law, justice and the United Nations Charter and in accordance with United States traditions supporting freedom, self-determination and justice for all peoples.

Respectfully yours,

Issa Nakhleh
Issa Nakhleh
Representative of The Arab
Higher Committee for Palestine
Chairman, Palestine Arab Delegation

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YITSHAK SHAMIR (ALIAS YITSHAK YZERTINSKY) IS
A TERRORIST AND A WAR CRIMINAL

Yitshak Shamir (alias Yitshak Yzertinsky) was born in Poland in 1915, where he was a member of the Jabotinsky Youth Organization, Betar. He immigrated to Palestine in 1935, where he joined the Irgun terrorist organization. (1)

When the most extremist members of the Irgun formed a separate organization, the Stern Gang or LEHI, Shamir joined it. After the death of its founder, Abraham Stern, the Stern Gang was re-organized in 1942 with Shamir as one of its triumvirate of leaders, along with Dr. Israel Scheib-Eldad and Nathan Friedmann-Yellin-Mor. It was Shamir who told the fanatical members of the Stern Gang "how" to commit their crimes. (2)

Shamir was so fanatic that he was willing to negotiate an alliance with the German Nazis in an affair which is still cloaked in secrecy. (3) Shamir's operational direction of Stern Gang terrorist acts was earmarked by total unconcern for civilian casualties, whether British, Arab or Jewish. Shamir organized the assassination of Lord Moyne in Cairo in 1944, and shared responsibility for the King David Hotel massacre in 1946. (4) In 1943, he shared responsibility with Irgun and Haganah leaders for the

(1) Who's Who in Israel 1985-86 (Tel-Aviv: Bronfman Publishers, 1985), p. 305.

(2) J. Bowyer Bell, Terror Out of Zion, (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1977), p. 84.

(3) Israel & Palestine Report, Paris, January-February 1989, p. 7.

(4) Eitan Haber, Menahem Begin, (New York: Delacorte Press, 1978), p. 95.

Deir Yassin massacre and for many other massacres committed against the Palestinians in the Galilee District and in the Jaffa, Lydda and Ramle Sub-Districts from 1948-1950. In 1948 he took part in planning the assassination of United Nations Mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte. (5) He also personally murdered his Stern Gang colleague, Eliyahu Giladi, an Arab Jew. (6)

Yitshak Shamir put the Stern Gang under the control of the Soviet Secret Police according to de-classified documents of the British War Office and Colonial Office. (7) Shamir used Betty Knut, a Stern Gang member who was the niece of the wife of then Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov, to coordinate along with Stern Gang terrorist chief in Europe, Yaacov Eliav, contacts with the head of the Soviet Secret Police stationed at the Soviet Embassy in Paris. This has been publicly admitted by Eliav, subsequently a War Criminal as a regimental commander in the Negev in 1948. (8)

Shamir was recruited by Mossad head Issar Harel to become a career civil servant in the Israeli Intelligence Service, where he served from 1950 to 1965. Shamir was in charge of "wet operations," the assassination department of Mossad, in addition to a period as Mossad station chief in Paris. (9)

(5) Eric Silver, "Death Warrant Returns to Haunt Shamir," The Observer, London, Sunday, September 18, 1988, p. 24

(6) Yaacov Eliav, Wanted, (New York: Shengold Publishers, 1984), pp. 205-206.

(7) Fortnightly Intelligence Reports, Palestine, 1946-48, War Office and Colonial Office Documents, Public Record Office, London.

(8) Yaacov Eliav, Wanted, pp. 263-264.

(9) Israel & Palestine Report, Paris, January-February 1989, p. 8.

From 1965 to 1970 Shamir was a so-called private businessman working with the Soviet Union and co-operating with General Georgi Minin of the KGB. (10) Shamir is reportedly one of the links between Israeli Intelligence and the KGB which has given the secrets of American weapons to the Soviet Union, through such traitors as convicted spy Jonathan Pollard.

Yitshak Shamir joined the right-wing Likud Party in 1970 and became a member of Irgun terrorist leader Menahem Begin's cabinet in 1980 as so-called Foreign Minister of Israel. (11) In 1982 he was told about the massacre then in progress at the Sabra and Shatila Refugee Camps in Beirut, Lebanon, and later lied to the Kahan Commission investigating the massacre about having been so informed. (12) The Kahan Commission censured him. (13)

In 1983 he became so-called Prime Minister of Israel, then Foreign Minister again in 1984, and again Prime Minister in 1987. He bears primary responsibility for the War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide being committed daily against the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

Shamir is one of the most fanatic of all Zionist leaders, who has repeatedly expressed the view that the Palestinians are aliens in their native land. (14) No Zionist leader

(10) Ephraim Sevela, Farewell, Israel (South Bend, Indiana: Gateway Editions, 1977), pp. 236-237.

(11) Who's Who in Israel 1985-86, p. 305.

(12) Joel Brinkley, "The Stubborn Strength of Yitzhak Shamir," The New York Times Magazine, August 21, 1988, pp. 72-74.

(13) The Beirut Massacre: The Complete Kahan Commission Report, (New York: Karz-Cohl, 1983), pp. 73-75.

(14) The New York Post, February 6, 1989.

has shown a more callous contempt for the value of human life. Indeed, Shamir's career in the Stern Gang, Mossad, and political life indicates a perverse enjoyment at taking human life, as he said to another Israeli that his greatest pleasure had been in personally strangling a British soldier after wounding him.

Even other Zionist leaders accuse Yitshak Shamir of taking distorted, dishonest positions. For example, General Yehoshafat Harkabi, former Head of Israeli Military Intelligence and currently Hexter Professor of International Relations and Middle East Studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, states:

"Those who opposed the accord (Israeli-Egyptian Agreements), such as Yitshak Shamir and Moshe Arens, understood correctly that it (reference to Resolution 242 in the Agreements) contradicted Herut's desire to maintain Jewish rule over the West Bank. Today, however, these two erstwhile opponents of the accord are its fervent advocates. Yet while clinging to it in their arguments they distort its meaning, as if it were now miraculously compatible with their policy of settlement and eventual annexation." (15)

(15) Yehoshafat Harkabi, *Israel's Fateful Decisions*, (London: I.B. Tauris & Co Ltd, 1988), p. 89.