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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE MEIR ROSENNE

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES A COPY OF HIS ARTICLE, "TO PURSUE
PEACE, ISRAELIS HAVE TO BE ABLE TO TRUST IN
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TO THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

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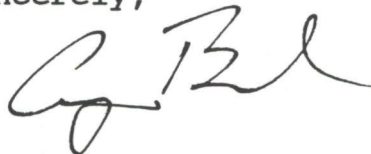
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Barbara joins me in sending best wishes to you and Vera.

Sincerely,



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AMBASSADOR MEIR ROSENNE
President &
Chief Executive Officer

8 April 1992

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

It has been some time since we last made contact, and I do not want another moment to pass before I extend to you and Mrs. Bush, and to the entire Bush clan, my warm good wishes, and those of my wife Vera, for a joyous Easter.

This year, as you doubtless know, the calendars of the two great spring festivals of Jews and Christians -- Passover and Easter -- coincide. Both speak of redemption and rebirth, of new life and new hope for mankind, of peace and dignity. And it is with those eternal and universal ideals in mind -- values which have animated the two great Western religious traditions -- that I send you greetings.

I recall with much pleasure the very cordial nature of our relations during my tenure as Israel's ambassador in Washington, and can only hope that, despite periodic difficulties between our two countries, in the long run the underlying humane values of our two democracies will prevail, and will again reinforce and deepen the strength and durability of the close alliance between the United States and Israel.

Once again, with best wishes.

Cordially yours,

Meir Rosenne
Meir Rosenne

P.S. I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of a recent article of mine, which may hold some interest for you.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1992

To Pursue Peace, Israelis Have to Be Able to Trust in America

By Meir Roseme

NEW YORK — In public as in private life, anniversaries are a useful means of grasping the impact of the past upon the present. Without knowledge of history, we cannot comprehend why we are where we are, and where we are headed.

The 13th anniversary last Thursday of the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty, concluded with the indispensable aid of the United States, provides an opportunity to take stock of Middle East affairs, especially in light of the unprecedented deterioration in U.S.-Israeli relations.

In assessing Israel's readiness for give and take in future negotiations with the Arabs, it is essential to recall the enormous concessions it made to secure peace with Egypt.

We gave up vast, invaluable economic, military and strategic assets: 95 percent of all the land we had conquered in our defensive Six Day War of 1967, territory five times the size of Israel itself — thriving towns, productive agriculture, defense installations, naval and air bases, oil wells that Israel had opened and developed, an intact infrastructure (valued at \$7.5 billion in 1979 dollars) which international law permitted Israel to destroy.

Israel has proved that it is prepared to take immense risks for

peace, give tangible goods for a piece of paper and a hope.

But, except for the United States, there was precious little international support for that peace. It was vilified by the West European democracies, who showed that they preferred to sacrifice true Middle East peace on the altar of Arab oil and PLO goodwill. So, for example, the

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PLO was permitted to open offices in some countries, on condition that it conduct its terrorism outside the borders of a complacent government.

The appeasement helped form the basis for further PLO assault against Jews and Egyptians, and encouraged Arab states to ostracize and penalize Egypt for a decade. Why should Jordan and Saudi Arabia have been expected to support the peace if the Europeans did not?

World opinion has forgotten all

this dirty history. But why should Israel forget? Forgetting is not a Jewish trait. Remembering is.

All this is painfully relevant for today and tomorrow.

While Arab power-wielders silently gloat, and their minions applaud the war against the Jews escalate: Islamic Jihad against the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires and the Istanbul synagogue; neo-Nazi parties and anti-Semitic movements in Europe, East and West. It is a war of annihilation waged with weapons fashioned in the West and exported, for profit, to the protectors and promoters of terrorism in the chancelleries of Baghdad and Damascus.

Nor can we, or should we, forget the world's indifference to the incessant Arab warfare and terror against Israel and the Jewish people over the past 44 years. No international coalition rushed to Israel's defense. No sanctions were forged against the aggressors and terrorists. No embargo was put into place. The victims were only Jews, after all.

Now there are prospective new victims of apathy and hostility — the hundreds of thousands of Jews who have fled, and who might leave, Russia for Israel. They are hostage

to a policy that links the humanitarian cause of their integration in Israel (and that withholds economic support for it) with a political question, Israeli settlement policy, which remains to be negotiated by Israel and the Arabs.

It is a policy of bruising pressure that must inevitably weaken one of the parties in the negotiation — the one that has long been a faithful ally and valuable asset of America.

This is a far cry from the history of staunch U.S. support for the liberation of Soviet Jews and their free emigration to Israel, symbolized most poignantly by the demonstrative participation of then Secretary of State George Shultz in a Passover Seder at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow — in the presence of Jewish victims of Soviet oppression.

The perception now that Israel is being weakened economically and diplomatically because it is losing the support of its greatest ally can only stimulate the further rise of anti-Semitism throughout the world. And Jews who would have hoped to gain their freedom may tomorrow be the victims of pogroms in the new and old democracies of Europe. Who will then be able to expiate the blood of innocents?

The way to avert such an out-

come, the way to assure the many Jews of Russia and Ethiopia and other countries the chance to revive their human dignity in their ancient homeland is to keep Israel strong by providing it with the economic assets needed for their absorption. The people of Israel and their various governments over 44 years have always repaid their debts, and performed miracles of creating a modern democratic society even under the assault of war and terror. They deserve the confidence and sympathy of every decent human being.

Having been personally involved in the U.S.-Israeli relationship for nearly three decades, I can confirm that every sacrifice and concession that Israel made for peace was given because Israel had confidence in America and its support for democracy. If that confidence subsides, I do not see how Israel can be ready or able to continue along that path.

The writer is president of State of Israel Bonds and a former Israeli ambassador to the United States and France; he was legal adviser to the Israeli delegation at the 1978 Camp David negotiations that led to the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty in 1979. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.