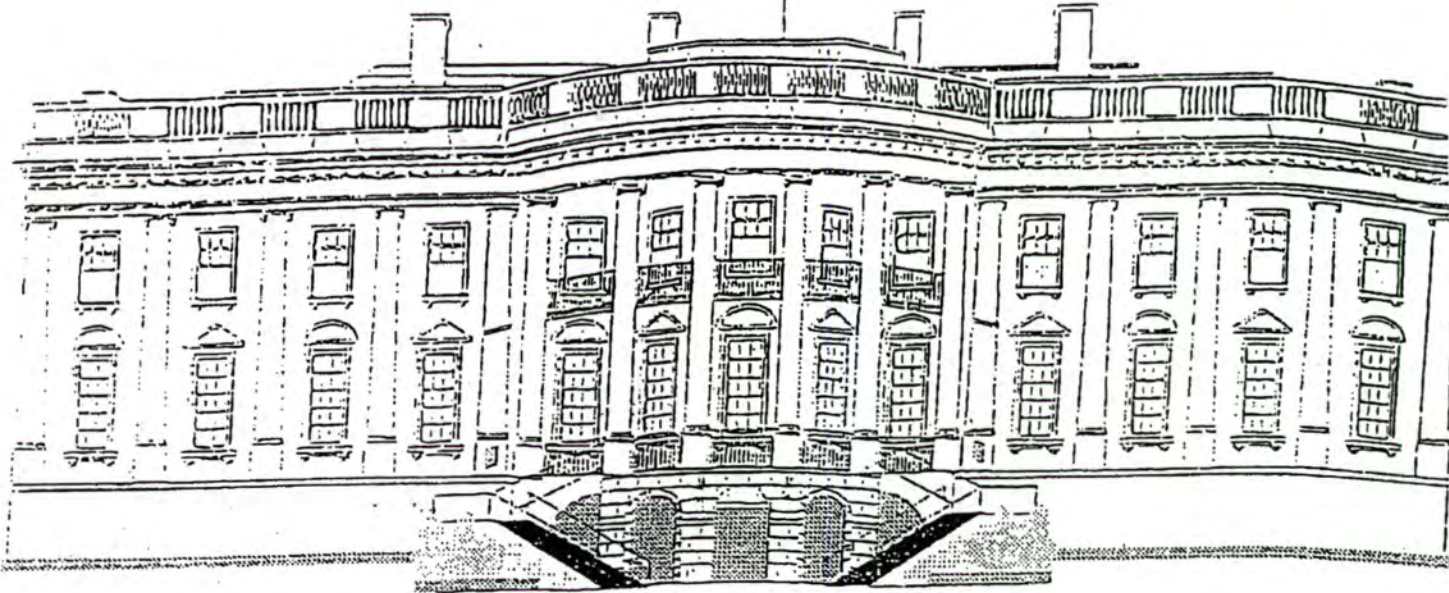


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Dear Pat:

Today I am invoking the waiver authority provided to me in the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995. I am taking this step because our national security interests -- those at stake in a successful conclusion to the Middle East peace process and those at stake in the safety and security of our overseas missions and personnel -- require me to do so.

I wanted to be in touch with you directly because of the importance of this to you. I respect your many years of dedicated efforts regarding Jerusalem, and the fact that you have always sought to avoid negative repercussions on the peace process. I know you share my conviction that the best guarantor of Israel's security is a just and lasting peace with its neighbors.


In your March 17 letter to Sandy Berger, you suggested a number of steps the United States could take with respect to Jerusalem. Your ideas are thoughtful, constructive and can serve as a useful-basis for discussion as we try to overcome our differences on this issue ~~and for possible future action~~. I look forward to consulting with you and your colleagues in the days and weeks ahead as we seek to address this issue in a way that protects our national interests.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Daniel Patrick Moynihan
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-3201

Such a statement would acknowledge that Public Law 104-45 is the law of the land and stress the United States' commitment to relocate our embassy in Jerusalem at the completion of the final status negotiations. In the interim, the United States would designate an appropriate site in Jerusalem for "Ambassadorial Functions." For instance, I had the pleasure of being hosted by then Ambassador Indyk during my May 1997 trip to Israel at a hotel in Jerusalem where the United States Embassy currently leases a suite of rooms. This would give all sides a clear understanding of the intentions of the United States in a way that none should find surprising, or objectionable.

With my best wishes,


Daniel Patrick Moynihan

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