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I AM HONORED AND DEEPLY MOVED AT RECEIVING THE JUSTICE LOUIS D. BRANDEIS AWARD.

THOSE AWARDS WHICH MEMORIALIZE GREAT MEN ARE OFTEN GIVEN WITH THE INTENT OF CALLING FORTH COMPARISON BETWEEN THE PERSON MEMORIALIZED, AND THE PERSON HONORED. FEW MEN IN OUR HISTORY BEAR COMPARISON WITH MR. JUSTICE BRANDEIS. I AM NOT AMONG THOSE WHO DO.

THIS AWARD CALLS FORTH NOT PRIDE, BUT HUMILITY. AS I LOOK WITHIN MYSELF FOR SOME MOTIVE, SOME ACTION, SOME DEED, SOME FINE THREAD TO LINK ANY PART OF MYSELF WITH THE LIFE OF LOUIS BRANDEIS, TO JUSTIFY THIS AWARD, LET IT BE THE FACT THAT THE CAUSE OF ISRAEL WAS ONE WHICH HE FOUND, AND WHICH I FIND, CONSISTENT WITH THE CAUSE OF AMERICA, AND ONE WE SOUGHT TO ADVANCE, EACH ACCORDING TO HIS OWN UNDERSTANDING AND ABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY.

THE CAUSE OF ISRAEL WAS NOT ONE HE EMBRACED SIMPLY BECAUSE HE WAS A JEW, AND UNDERSTOOD HIS HISTORY; BUT, ALSO BECAUSE HE WAS AN AMERICAN AND UNDERSTOOD HER PRINCIPLES.

JUSTICE BRANDEIS ONCE WROTE THAT "THE TWENTIETH CENTURY IDEALS OF AMERICA HAVE BEEN THE IDEALS OF THE JEW FOR TWENTY CENTURIES."

IN THAT PHRASE WE FIND A TRUTH WHICH CUTS AWAY THE SOFT EMOTIONALISM, THE POLITICAL OPPORTUNISM, THE FADDISH TEMPORARY INFATUATIONS WHICH OFTEN LARD AMERICA'S LINKS WITH ISRAEL, TO REVEAL THE STEELY IMPERATIVE WHICH INSISTS THAT A NATION CANNOT BE TRUE TO ITSELF AND FALSE TO THOSE WHO SHARE ITS PRINCIPLES AND ITS IDEALS.

ISRAELI-AMERICAN ALLIANCE

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND AMERICA IS NOT AN ALLIANCE OF CONVENIENCE: IT IS AN ALLIANCE OF NECESSITY.

ONE PART OF OUR WORLD TODAY IS AN ANT HEAP, ESTABLISHED ON THE PREMISE THAT MAN ABOVE ALL ELSE IS A CONSUMER WHO WILL SACRIFICE HIS VERY HUMANITY FOR A FULL BELLY AND THE ASSURANCE THAT HIS FELLOWS ARE NO HAPPIER OR MORE COMFORTABLE THAN HE. WHENEVER THE INTELLECTUAL BANKRUPTCY AND SPIRITUAL DEPRAVITY OF THIS NOTION IS PERCEIVED AND REBELLED AGAINST, THE RULERS OF THAT WORLD RESTORE ORDER WITH TANKS WHEN NECESSARY, AND WITH THE STRAITJACKET WHERE POSSIBLE. IT IS NOT BY ACCIDENT THAT THE SOVIETS TREAT AS A PSYCHOLOGICAL ABERRATION THE NOTION THAT MAN IS IMBUED WITH BOTH FREE WILL AND A SOUL.

ONE PART OF OUR WORLD TODAY IS THE LEGATEE OF THOSE ANCIENT HEBREWS WHO TAUGHT THAT MAN IS FREE, THAT HIS FREEDOM IMPOSES OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD HIS FELLOW MAN; THAT MAN IS ENDOWED--IN THE WORDS OF OUR OWN DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE--WITH CERTAIN INALIENABLE RIGHTS--WITH WHICH NEITHER THE STATE, NOR ANY OTHER PERSON CAN MEDDLE. IT IS A WORLD WHICH BELIEVES THAT HUMANITY IS CAPABLE OF IMPROVEMENT, THAT MAN IS NOT ONLY RATIONAL, BUT REASONABLE, AND THAT HE IS MORE THAN A CREATURE OF INSTINCT AND APPETITE, BUT RATHER THAT HE CAN AND OFTEN DOES MANIFEST IN HIS OWN LIFE A REFLECTION OF THAT DIVINITY WHICH IS IN HIM, AND WHICH LINKS HIM WITH HIS FELLOW MAN AND WITH HIS CREATOR.

IN THE COMPETITION BETWEEN THOSE TWO IDEAS WE NEED ALL THE ALLIES WE CAN GET. OUR SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL IS NOT A MATTER OF SENTIMENT, BUT OF SELF-INTEREST.

THE SOVIETS BELIEVE, OR SAY THEY DO, THAT HISTORY IS ON THEIR SIDE. THEY ARE GREAT BELIEVERS IN HISTORY. MAYBE THAT IS WHY THEY REWRITE SO MUCH OF IT. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE ENSLAVEMENT OF MAN IS HISTORICALLY INEVITABLE. BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT HISTORY DETERMINES DESTINY. AND THAT BELIEF, TOO, DICTATES OUR SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL.

THE JEWISH PRESENCE IN ISRAEL

TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO, THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WERE DRIVEN FROM THE LAND PROMISED TO THEM AND GIVEN BY GOD. NOT ALL WENT AWAY. THERE WAS ALWAYS A JEWISH PRESENCE IN ISRAEL. THERE WAS A JEWISH MAJORITY IN JERUSALEM. THAT PRESENCE WAS OFTEN OBSCURED BY NEW WAVES OF CONQUERORS, COMING AND GOING, BUILDING AND DESTROYING. BUT IT REMAINED.

AS IMPORTANT AS THE CONSTANT PRESENCE OF THOSE WHO REMAINED IS WHAT THOSE WHO WERE DISPERSED TOOK AWAY WITH THEM, AND PRESERVED IN THEIR LIVES AND IN THEIR HEARTS. THEY TOOK THEIR JEWISHNESS AND CLUNG TO IT, DEFYING SPIRITUAL TYRANNY; REDEEMING THE BURDENSOME PROMISE, THE TERRIBLE COVENANT WHICH TIED THEM UNIQUELY TO GOD, AND TO PAIN AND GRANDEUR.

THEY TOOK WITH THEM ISRAEL HERSELF, AND THEY TOOK WITH THEM JERUSALEM, TURNING THEIR FACES THREE TIMES DAILY TO THE CULTURAL MEMORY AND THE SPIRITUAL MAGNET THAT DREW THEIR PRAYERS AND DREW THEIR DESTINY BACK TO ITSELF. THEY ENDURED FORCED CONVERSION, COSSACK AND NAZI, POGROM AND PURGE, INFURIATING THOSE WHO COULD BURN THEIR BODIES BUT COULD NOT BURN THE WORDS "ANI MA'AMEEN" (ANEE MAH'AMEEN) FROM OFF THEIR LIPS, NOR FROM THE VIVID AIR THAT WITNESSED THEIR DESTRUCTION.

AND THE LAND THAT WAS PROMISED, AND FROM WHICH THEY WERE TORN, YIELDED LITTLE TO ITS OCCUPIERS. IT WENT TO SLEEP. IT BECAME BARREN AND USELESS.

LESS THAN A CENTURY AGO, THE JEWS BEGAN TO COME BACK AND THE LAND BEGAN TO COME BACK, A TINY PIECE AT A TIME. BUT BEFORE THE MIRACLE HAPPENED, SOMETHING ELSE HAPPENED. SOMETHING TO STAGGER THE MIND AND BEGGAR THE MOST IMAGINATIVE CAPACITY FOR MALEVOLENCE.

THAT, TOO, THE JEWISH PEOPLE SURVIVED. OUT OF THE ASHES ROSE THE NEW ISRAEL, WHOSE TEMPERING IN FIRE WAS NOT A METAPHOR, BUT A STARK FACT.

THE SPIRIT OF ISRAEL

IN THE YOM KIPPUR (YOME KEY-POOR) WAR THERE WAS A SONG CALLED GAM HAPA'AM (GAAM HA-PA-AAM). THE SONG SAID:

THERE NEVER WAS
NOR IS THERE NOW
ANY POWER ABLE TO DEFEAT
THE SPIRIT OF THIS NATION.

SOME FIND THAT AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH. IT CUTS ACROSS TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS, DIPLOMATIC DESIGNS, POLITICAL OBJECTIVES, NATIONAL PRETENSIONS AND THEOLOGICAL DICTATES.

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BUT THE JEWISH PEOPLE HAVE A HISTORY OF REVEALING INCONVENIENT TRUTHS--A SINGLE, UNSEEN, OMNIPOTENT GOD, HAVING BEEN THE FIRST--AND THE WORLD HAS BEEN BETTER FOR ACCOMMODATING TO THEM. AND THE WORLD WILL BE BETTER FOR ACCOMMODATING TO THE FACT THAT ISRAEL IS NOT GOING TO SHRINK OR DISAPPEAR, AND THAT NO POWER CAN DEFEAT HER SPIRIT.

THERE ARE THOSE WHO CALL THAT "INTRANSIGENCE." MENAHEM BEGIN HAS BEEN WIDELY ACCUSED OF IT HERE IN OUR OWN COUNTRY.

INTRANSIGENCE AND JUSTICE

HERE IN OUR OWN COUNTRY, WE ONCE ADMIRER INTRANSIGENCE IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE. WE PRIDED OURSELVES ON IT. WE INSISTED UPON IT. TODAY, THERE ARE THOSE WHO FIND IT INCONVENIENT. I AM NOT ONE OF THOSE, HOWEVER. I HEAR IN PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S MOUTH THE WORDS OF AN AMERICAN WHO WOULD NOT TRIM HIS PRINCIPLES TO FIT A NARROW AND IGNOBLE CONVENIENCE. THE MAN WAS WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON, AND THE WORDS WERE: "I AM IN EARNEST-I WILL NOT EQUIVOCATE-I WILL NOT EXCUSE-I WILL NOT RETREAT A SINGLE INCH, AND I WILL BE HEARD."

PRIME MINISTER BEGIN HAS BEEN HEARD. HE HAS BEEN UNDERSTOOD. HE HAS INSISTED THAT DIPLOMACY ACCORD WITH HISTORY, RATHER THAN THAT HISTORY BE TWISTED TO ACCORD WITH DIPLOMACY. HE HAS DESTROYED THE IDEA THAT ISRAEL CAN BE INTIMIDATED, PRESSURED OR "LEVERAGED" INTO JEOPARDIZING HER EXISTENCE. AND OUT OF WHAT HAS BEEN DESTROYED HAS BEEN CREATED THE POSSIBILITY OF PEACE WHERE NONE EXISTED BEFORE.

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THE QUESTION NOW IS WHAT CAN BE DONE TO HELP MAINTAIN THAT POSSIBILITY AND MAKE IT A REALITY.

THAT QUESTION CANNOT BE ANSWERED UNTIL WE ARE WILLING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS THE REALITY OF CONFLICTING CLAIMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

NATURE OF THE CONFLICT

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE CONFLICT IS PREEMINENTLY A CONFLICT OVER TERRITORY AT ALL. THE PRESENT SITUATION REVOLVES AROUND TERRITORIAL CLAIMS, BUT THE LARGER ISSUES ARE NOT ABOUT WHERE ISRAEL EXISTS, BUT WHETHER SHE SHOULD EXIST AT ALL, AND THEY GO VERY DEEPLY INTO THE NATURE OF ISLAM ITSELF. THE EFFORT IN 1948 TO DESTROY THE NEW STATE OF ISRAEL WAS NOT A WAR FOR TERRITORY--IT WAS NOT A WAR TO ESTABLISH A PALESTINIAN STATE. IT WAS A JIHAD--A HOLY WAR. AND TODAY, THE CHARTER OF THE P.L.O. REFLECTS THE SAME IMPERATIVE: THE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL IS NOT A POLITICAL OBJECTIVE--IT IS A HOLY OBLIGATION. THE EFFORT OF OUR POLICY-MAKERS--TO BE EVEN-HANDED, TO SEE BOTH SIDES--DOESN'T HAVE MUCH APPLICABILITY IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES. YOU HAVE A MAN WHO SAYS I HAVE A RIGHT TO LIVE, AND ANOTHER MAN WHO SAYS I HAVE A RIGHT TO KILL HIM, AND YOU SIT BACK AND SAY, WELL, NOW LET'S LOOK AT BOTH SIDES. LET'S BE EVEN-HANDED. NO WONDER OUR DIPLOMACY IS NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

HOW IMPORTANT, REALLY, IS THIS QUESTION OF TERRITORY? CONSIDER JORDAN.

THE JORDANIANS

JORDAN CLAIMS SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE WEST BANK. THE CLAIM IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT SHE CAPTURED THE LAND IN THE EFFORT TO DESTROY ISRAEL IN 1948. JORDAN HERSELF HAS AN INTERESTING HISTORY. SHE WAS CREATED BY THE STROKE OF WINSTON CHURCHILL'S PEN, OUT OF THE MANDATE TERRITORY THAT WAS SET ASIDE BY THE BALFOUR DECLARATION AS A JEWISH HOMELAND.

AND WHY WAS SHE CREATED? BECAUSE THE HASHEMITE FAMILY HAD BEEN THROWN OUT OF THEIR LAND BY THE FATHER OF THE PRESENT KING OF SAUDI ARABIA. THE BRITISH HAD A SPARE KING ON THEIR HANDS AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO RETAIN THEIR INFLUENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST BY SETTING HIM UP WITH A NEW KINGDOM--WHICH IS PRESENT DAY JORDAN. IT IS OUT OF JUST SUCH WACKY POST-COLONIAL 20TH CENTURY MACHINATIONS AS THIS THAT TODAY'S BURNING ARAB NATIONALISM WAS CREATED.

IT IS ASSERTED TODAY THAT THE WEST BANK NOW SHOULD BECOME A PALESTINIAN STATE. WHAT IS THE HISTORICAL REALITY OF A PALESTINIAN STATE? THERE IS NONE. THERE NEVER WAS A PALESTINIAN STATE.

THE SYRIANS

WHAT IS THE REALITY OF SYRIA'S CLAIM TO THE GOLAN HEIGHTS? THE AREA OF THE GOLAN WAS INITIALLY INCLUDED IN THE BRITISH MANDATE AND WAS SHUFFLED OVER TO THE FRENCH WHO ADMINISTERED A MANDATE OVER THE TERRITORY WHICH IS NOW SYRIA. AND SO TODAY IS AN ISSUE OF BURNING INTENSITY, OF ARAB NATIONALISM, AS THOUGH THE GOLAN WERE

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A PART OF SYRIAN PATRIMONY FOR A THOUSAND YEARS INSTEAD OF MERELY A CONVENIENT POINT FROM WHICH TO SHOOT INTO GONEN (GO-NAN) AND NOTERA (NO-TERA) AND GADOT (GA-DOH) AND THE REST OF THE HULEH (HUGH-LAY) VALLEY.

AND WHAT OF GAZA? AGAIN, A PIECE OF ANCIENT ISRAEL, ALLOTTED TO ISRAEL IN THE BRITISH MANDATE AND TORN FROM ISRAEL BY EGYPTIAN ARMIES IN 1948.

AND THERE IS JERUSALEM, THE CAPITAL OF ISRAEL--WHICH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT STILL REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE AS THE CAPITAL OF ISRAEL. IT IS A JEWISH CITY, BUILT BY A JEWISH KING, AND WAS THE SITE OF BOTH TEMPLES LONG BEFORE IT BECAME A CENTER OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE OTHER GREAT RELIGIONS WHICH TRACE THEIR ORIGINS TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE. ONLY WHEN IT WAS TEMPORARILY UNDER ARAB CONTROL WAS THERE A TIME WHEN PEOPLE WERE FORBIDDEN INTO THAT CITY TO WORSHIP AT THEIR HOLY PLACES, AND IT WAS THE JEWS WHO WERE SO FORBIDDEN.

IS THE QUESTION OF TERRITORY AT THE HEART OF ARAB HOSTILITY TOWARD ISRAEL? NO. THE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL IS AT THE HEART OF ARAB HOSTILITY. IT HAS BEEN STATED BLUNTLY AGAIN AND AGAIN.

PRESIDENT NASSER IN 1961: "WE BELIEVE THAT THE EVIL WHICH WAS PLACED IN THE HEART OF THE ARAB WORLD SHOULD BE ERADICATED."

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PRESIDENT NASSER IN 1965: "THE ARAB NATIONAL AIM IS THE ELIMINATION OF ISRAEL."

PRESIDENT AREF IN 1967: "WE ARE RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND UNITED, TO ACHIEVE ONE CLEAR AIM OF WIPING ISRAEL OFF THE MAP. . .THIS IS THE DAY TO WISH AWAY THE STAIN."

THESE VIEWS HAVE NOT CHANGED. TODAY, IN THE FACE OF EFFORTS TO MAKE PEACE, ONE PALESTINIAN LEADER, GEORGE HABASH OF THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE HAS DECLARED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT'S DAYS "ARE NUMBERED" AND THAT PALESTINIAN GUERILLAS "WILL STRIKE IN JERUSALEM AND IN HAIFA".

TOWARD THESE AIMS, ISRAEL IS ASKED TO BE FLEXIBLE. TOWARDS THESE AIMS, U.S. FOREIGN POLICY-MAKERS COUNSEL EVEN-HANDEDNESS. WE INSIST THAT ISRAEL NOT BE INTRANSIGENT TOWARD THOSE WHO SEEK HER DESTRUCTION.

SMALL WONDER THAT NOT ONLY ISRAEL, BUT EVEN SOME OF THE ARAB STATES HAVE CONCLUDED THAT WE ARE NOT TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

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PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

THERE CAN BE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I BELIEVE THERE WILL BE PEACE. THERE CAN BE PEACE BECAUSE THE MOST IMPORTANT LEADER OF THE ARAB WORLD NOW APPEARS TO BELIEVE THAT THE EVILS OF POVERTY AND DEPRIVATION ARE WORSE THAN THE ALLEGED EVIL OF ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE, AND THE STAIN OF SENDING SUCCESSIVE GENERATIONS OF EGYPT'S YOUNG MEN OFF TO DIE IS GREATER THAN THE ALLEGED STAIN OF LETTING THEM LIVE AND GROW TO SERVE THEIR PEOPLE IN PEACE, AND LETTING ISRAEL LIVE IN PEACE AS WELL.

THE GREAT DANGER TO THIS PROCESS IS NOT THAT ISRAEL AND EGYPT WILL NOT FIND A WAY TO BEGIN A PROCESS OF PEACE THAT WILL EVENTUALLY INVOLVE ALL THE PARTIES DIRECTLY AFFECTED. IT IS THAT OUTSIDE FORCES WILL CORRUPT THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS BY SEEKING TO ASSERT THEIR OWN INFLUENCE.

U.N. CONFERENCE NOT USEFUL

THERE IS, FOR EXAMPLE, NO APPARENT BENEFIT TO BE GAINED FROM THE U.N. CONFERENCE PROPOSED BY KURT WALDHEIM. NEITHER THE U.N. NOR MR. WALDHEIM HAVE LATELY DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES AS PILLARS OF REASON AND RESTRAINT IN THE MIDDLE EAST ARENA. THE U.N. HAS BECOME A FORUM FOR ANTI-ISRAEL--AND SOMETIMES ANTI-U.S.--SENTIMENTS. ITS BIAS IS CLEAR. ITS CREDIBILITY DIMINISHES DAILY. ITS CAPACITY FOR CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION IS QUESTIONABLE. MR. WALDHEIM WANTS A CONFERENCE BECAUSE MR. BAKR WANTS ONE, AND MR. BAKR WANTED ONE BECAUSE MR. QUADDAFI HAD ONE. THE MATTER IS TOO SERIOUS TO BE LEFT WITH FRIVOLOUS MEN.

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ADMINISTRATION COURSE PERNICIOUS

MORE PERNICIOUS IS THE COURSE NOW UNDERTAKEN BY OUR OWN ADMINISTRATION. THE ADMINISTRATION'S LINE, FROM THE MOMENT PRIME MINISTER BEGIN FINISHED HIS SPEECH IN THE KNESSET, HAS BEEN THAT ISRAEL JEOPARDIZED THE PEACE INITIATIVE BY NOT ANNOUNCING CONCESSIONS. THE ADMINISTRATION NOW WORKS THROUGH THE MEDIA TO INSIST THAT ITS ROLE WILL BE ONE OF PUSHING ISRAEL TO BE "FLEXIBLE". IT IS PRECISELY THIS KIND OF MEDDLING WHICH HAS ROBBED THIS GOVERNMENT OF THE MORAL AUTHORITY AND POLITICAL CREDIBILITY TO EXERT ANY INFLUENCE WHATSOEVER OVER ISRAEL.

IF THERE IS ANY DISCERNIBLE PURPOSE FOR THIS, IT IS TO POSITION OURSELVES WITH THE ARAB WORLD SO THAT WE CAN CLAIM CREDIT FOR URGING UPON ISRAEL CONCESSIONS WHICH SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO MAKE IN ANY CASE.

THE DANGER IS THAT THIS ACTION WILL CONVINCE EGYPT AND ANY OTHER ARAB STATES WHO MAY SUBSEQUENTLY CHOOSE TO JOIN THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT THEY SHOULD TAKE AN UNREASONABLY HARD LINE TOWARD ISRAEL IN THE HOPE THAT U.S. PRESSURE ON ISRAEL WILL FORCE CONCESSIONS WHICH MAY NOT HAVE BEEN GAINED OTHERWISE. IN THIS RESPECT, WE HAVE GONE FULL CIRCLE TO THE SITUATION WE CREATED BY INSISTING THAT THERE WOULD BE A GENEVA CONFERENCE THIS YEAR, AND THAT ISRAEL SHOULD AGREE IN ADVANCE OF THAT CONFERENCE TO NEGOTIATE THE RETURN OF ALL CONTESTED TERRITORY.

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THE IRONIC EFFORT OF PRESIDENT SADAT TO REHABILITATE PRESIDENT CARTER SUGGESTS THAT HE BELIEVES THE ADMINISTRATION MAY BE A USEFUL FOIL IN THE IMPENDING DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAEL. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT HE AND OTHER ARAB LEADERS BE DISABUSED OF THAT NOTION.

SERVE WHEN ASKED

THE PURPOSES OF PEACE ARE BEST SERVED NOW BY OUR TRUSTING PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND PRESIDENT SADAT TO ADVANCE ON THEIR OWN THE GREAT WORK THEY HAVE BEGUN, AND TO SERVE AS WE ARE ASKED AND TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THEIR EFFORTS AS WE ARE ASKED.

FOR THE ARAB NATIONS, THE VALUE OF PEACE WITH ISRAEL RESTS NOT IN WHAT SHE IS WILLING TO CONCEDE, BUT IN WHAT SHE IS WILLING AND ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE. IT IS EASY FOR SAUDI ARABIA AND THE EMIRATES TO GO ABROAD, TO BUY THE MATERIAL AND THE TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF THEIR PEOPLE, AND AT THE SAME TIME TO KEEP NATIONS LIKE EGYPT ON A SHORT ECONOMIC LEASH.

NEW ECONOMIC REALITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

LET THERE BE PEACE, AND THE GENIUS OF THE ISRAELIS CAN MEET WITH THE GENIUS OF THE EGYPTIANS AND OTHERS TO CREATE A NEW ECONOMIC REALITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, NOT A REALITY BASED ON AN ACCIDENT OF NATURE WHICH PUT OIL UNDER SAUDI LAND, BUT ON THE ENERGY AND CREATIVITY OF A PEOPLE DIVIDED BY POLITICS AND RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE, BUT UNITED BY HISTORY, CONSANGUINITY AND A COMMON SPIRITUAL ROOT;

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A PEOPLE UNITED BY THE DREAM OF A WORLD IN WHICH THEIR CHILDREN CAN BUILD WITH THE ASSURANCE THAT THE WORK OF THEIR HANDS WILL STAND AS MONUMENTS TO ALL THAT IS FINE AND COURAGEOUS IN MAN, AND NOT AS REMINDERS OF ALL THAT IS FRAIL AND FRIGHTENED.

AMERICA WAS NEVER MORE IN STEP WITH HISTORY, NOR MORE TRUE TO HER IDEALS THAN ON THAT DAY NEARLY THIRTY YEARS AGO WHEN SHE CONFIRMED THE REALITY OF A DREAM TWO THOUSAND YEARS OLD, AND RECOGNIZED THE NEW STATE OF ISRAEL. OUR PEOPLE HAVE PERISHED AROUND THE GLOBE FOR THE IDEALS OF HUMAN LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE. IN ISRAEL, WHOSE ANCESTORS FIRST PREACHED THE PURPOSE AND VIRTUE OF HUMAN LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE, WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE ONLY OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND OUR MORAL SUPPORT. THESE ARE A SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR THE REAFFIRMATION OF THOSE PRINCIPLES WHICH HAVE LIGHTED OUR OWN WAY INTO HISTORY.

DAVID WAS A GREAT KING. HE WAS A GREAT WARRIOR. AND HE WAS A SINGER. HIS SONGS COME DOWN TO US AS PSALMS—JOYOUS, SAD, PROPHETIC. HIS DESCENDENTS ARE SINGERS STILL. AND THEIR SONGS ARE OFTEN PRAYERS. ONE IS APPROPRIATE TODAY—FOR ISRAEL, FOR HER NEIGHBORS, FOR ALL MANKIND IN THIS SEASON OF PEACE--LO TEDA (LOW-TE'DAH) MILCHAMAH (MILL-KAH-MAH): YOU SHALL NOT KNOW WAR.

LET IT BE.

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- Der. von Munkel. (per Sturtein)

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