

March 10, 1994

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Dole  
FROM: Randy Scheunemann  
SUBJECT: Breakfast Reception with Esther Levins' Group

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Pursuant to a request by Esther Levins, you agreed to stop by a breakfast reception for the National Unity Conference for Israel in the Mansfield Room on Friday, March 11 beginning at 8:30 a.m. You are expected to stop by around 9:00.

This event is the Congressional reception for Esther's organizational conference of the National Unity Conference for Israel. The Unity Conference is a new umbrella organization of Christian and Jewish groups designed to unite Christians in support of Israel. Esther expects roughly 80 people for the breakfast, representing 75 groups with at least 750,000 members. Member groups include the Anti-Defamation League, Zionist Organization of America, International Christian Embassy, and many others. A full list is attached.

The breakfast is the first event of the Conference, which will continue all day Saturday. Most of the attendees will stay in Washington for the annual AIPAC conference beginning Sunday. I have attached suggested talking points.

## **TALKING POINTS**

- **I WELCOME YOU TO  
WASHINGTON IN YOUR  
EFFORT TO FOSTER  
GREATER UNDERSTANDING  
ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE  
OF ISRAEL.**
- **I HAVE KNOWN ESTHER  
LEVENS FOR MANY YEARS,  
AND I CAN ASSURE YOU**

**WITH HER ENERGY AND  
LEADERSHIP, YOUR NEXT  
TWO DAYS ARE GOING TO  
BE VERY SUCCESSFUL.**

- IN MY VIEW, SUPPORT FOR  
ISRAEL IS NOT JUST A  
"JEWISH ISSUE" -- IT IS AN  
ISSUE THAT SHOULD UNITE  
JEWS, CHRISTIANS, AND  
MANY OTHER FAITHS.**

- **UNLIKE STROBE TALBOTT, I  
BELIEVE ISRAEL IS A  
STRATEGIC ALLY OF THE  
UNITED STATES, AND I  
BELIEVE OUR PARTNERSHIP  
CAN CONTINUE TO GROW.**
- **NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THESE  
ARE TOUGH TIMES FOR  
ISRAEL. THE BRUTAL  
MASSACRE AT HEBRON**



**FOCUSSED THE WORLD'S  
ATTENTION ON THE MOST  
EXTREME ELEMENTS OF  
ISRAEL.**

- THERE ARE DAILY REPORTS  
AS THE COMMISSION OF  
INQUIRY PROCEEDS WHICH  
RAISE DIFFICULT  
QUESTIONS FOR ISRAEL,  
FOR ISRAELIS, AND FOR**

## **ISRAEL'S FRIENDS.**

- **IT IS EXACTLY DURING  
THESE TOUGH TIMES THAT  
YOU NEED A STRONG BASE  
OF FRIENDSHIP AND  
UNDERSTANDING TO FALL  
BACK ON. THAT IS THE  
IMPORTANCE OF WHAT YOU  
ARE TRYING TO DO OVER  
THE NEXT TWO DAYS.**

- **LET ME JUST SAY A FEW  
WORDS ABOUT THE STATUS  
OF THE PEACE PROCESS.**
- **IN MY VIEW, THE EVENTS OF  
THE LAST FEW WEEKS  
SHOW THE IMPORTANCE OF  
MOVING FULL SPEED AHEAD  
IN THE PEACE PROCESS.**
- **WE CANNOT LET THE  
MURDERERS HAVE THEIR**

**WAY BY DERAILING THE  
PEACE PROCESS.**

- **AND WE CANNOT FORGET  
THAT THE HEBRON  
MASSACRE WAS NOT THE  
ONLY KILLING SINCE THE  
DECLARATION OF  
PRINCIPLES WAS SIGNED  
ON SEPTEMBER 13 AT THE  
WHITE HOUSE.**



- **33 ISRAELIS HAVE BEEN  
MURDERED SINCE THEN.  
ONE EXAMPLE: AN  
INNOCENT WOMEN -- 5  
MONTHS PREGNANT -- WAS  
SHOT IN AN AMBUSH IN  
FRONT OF HER HUSBAND  
AND TWO CHILDREN ON  
FEBRUARY 18.**
- **THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT**

**THE VIOLENCE WILL  
CONTINUE IN THE MIDDLE  
EAST UNTIL A JUST AND  
SECURE PEACE CAN BE  
IMPLEMENTED. AND THAT  
PEACE MUST BE REAL: NOT  
JUST THE ABSENCE OF WAR  
BUT THE END OF THE  
BOYCOTT ON ISRAEL, AND  
FULL RESECT FOR**

**NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY.**

- **MUCH OF THE WORLD HAS  
BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT  
THE LACK OF U.S.  
LEADERSHIP IN THE WORLD.  
I SHARE THOSE CONCERNS.**
- **BUT ON THE MIDDLE EAST  
PEACE PROCESS, THIS  
ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT  
DONE TOO BADLY -- EXCEPT**

**FOR THE ILL-FATED  
MEETING BETWEEN  
PRESIDENT CLINTON AND  
PRESIDENT ASSAD IN  
JANUARY.**

- THE ADMINISTRATION  
STOOD OUT OF THE WAY  
WHEN PLO AND ISRAELI  
NEGOTIATORS MADE THEIR  
DEAL LAST YEAR, AND THEN**



**HOSTED THE SIGNING  
CEREMONY.**

- I SUPPORT PRESIDENT  
CLINTON'S CALL FOR  
ISRAEL AND THE PLO TO  
MEET TO RESOLVE THEIR  
DIFFERENCE OVER  
IMPLEMENTATION -- WHICH  
WERE VERY FEW UNTIL  
LAST WEEK.**

- **AND I URGE ALL OF YOU TO  
CONTINUE IN YOUR  
EFFORTS TO FOSTER  
GREATER UNDERSTANDING  
AND AWARE OF THE  
IMPORTANCE OF STRONG  
TIES TO ISRAEL.**