

IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE,
AND I AM ESPECIALLY HONORED TO
BE INTRODUCED BY MAX FISHER. AS
I'M SURE YOU KNOW, MAX HAS BEEN
ADVISING REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTS
ON U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS FOR
QUITE SOME TIME.

MANY OF YOU MAY HAVE READ
ABOUT MAX'S DECISIVE ROLE IN
WORKING WITH PRESIDENT NIXON TO
GET THE U.S. EMERGENCY AIRLIFT UP

AND RUNNING DURING THE 1973
YOM KIPPUR WAR. MANY BELIEVE
WITHOUT THAT TIRELESS INPUT,
THOSE 566 U.S. RE-SUPPLY FLIGHTS
TO ISRAEL MIGHT NOT HAVE TAKEN
OFF IN TIME--AND ISRAEL MIGHT NOT
HAVE PREVAILED IN THAT CONFLICT.

PRESIDENTS FORD, REAGAN, AND
BUSH ALSO KNEW THE VALUE OF
MAX'S WISDOM AND ADVICE. NOW,
ADVISING FOUR REPUBLICAN

**PRESIDENTS IS VERY IMPRESSIVE,
BUT ADVISING FIVE WOULD BE EVEN
BETTER.**

**I KNOW THE HOUR IS LATE, AND
THAT YOU HAVE HEARD MANY
SPEECHES OVER THE PAST FEW
DAYS, SO I WILL KEEP MY REMARKS
BRIEF. IN FACT, THIS BEING V-E DAY,
I WAS TEMPTED TO HONOR MY
HERO, DWIGHT EISENHOWER, BY
DOING WHAT HE ONCE DID WHEN HE**

**WAS PRESIDENT OF COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY.**

**AT THE END OF A LONG EVENING
OF SPEECHES, EISENHOWER'S TURN
CAME. AFTER BEING INTRODUCED,
HE STOOD UP AND REMINDED HIS
AUDIENCE THAT EVERY SPEECH,
WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE, HAD TO
HAVE A PUNCTUATION. HE SAID,
"TONIGHT, I AM THE PUNCTUATION.
I AM THE PERIOD." AND HE**

**SAT DOWN. HE SAID LATER THAT
WAS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR
SPEECHES HE EVER GAVE. I COULD
THINK OF QUITE A FEW SENATORS
WHO COULD LEARN FROM THAT
EXAMPLE.**

**I PROMISE THAT I WILL SIT DOWN
IN A FEW MINUTES, BUT I DO HAVE A
FEW THOUGHTS I WANT TO SHARE
ABOUT THE PAST, PRESENT, AND
FUTURE OF U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS.**

I FIRST VISITED ISRAEL DURING THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION. I ATTENDED MY FIRST AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE BACK IN 1971 AS A FRESHMAN SENATOR. THE NEXT YEAR, VREM LEVENS, AN AIPAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FROM KANSAS, ARRANGED FOR YITZHAK RABIN, WHO WAS THEN ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, TO COME TO

**KANSAS CITY TO SPEAK AT AN
ISRAEL BONDS DINNER IN MY
HONOR.**

**THIS IS THE FIRST AIPAC
GATHERING SINCE THE TERRIBLE
EVENTS IN OKLAHOMA CITY, AND I
WANT TO SPEAK TO THAT RIGHT UP
FRONT. I HAVE COMMITTED TO
PUTTING AN ANTI-TERRORISM BILL
ON THE PRESIDENT'S DESK BY THE
END OF THE MONTH.**

I ALSO AIM TO ENSURE THAT
EVEN THOUGH WE WILL ACT WITH
SPEED, WE WILL ALSO ACT WITH
CARE. WE WILL NOT TRAMPLE ON
ANYONE'S CIVIL RIGHTS. MY GOAL
IS TO WRITE LEGISLATION THAT WILL
LOOK AS GOOD ONE YEAR, FIVE
YEARS, OR TEN YEARS FROM NOW
AS IT DOES TODAY.

THE TERRORIST ATTACK IN
OKLAHOMA CITY WAS HOMEGROWN

**IN AMERICA. BUT IT REMINDS US OF
WHAT THE CITIZENS OF ISRAEL HAVE
ENDURED, AND CONTINUE TO
ENDURE, ON A DAILY BASIS.**

**SO I THINK ALL OF US HERE
TONIGHT FEEL A NEW
UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR COURAGE
IN THE FACE OF EVIL, AND A
RENEWED PARTNERSHIP BASED ON
SHARED PURPOSE AND EXPERIENCE.**

**THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL IS
TRULY REMARKABLE. I SAID AT THIS
CONFERENCE IN 1984 THAT
"AMERICA HAS NO BETTER FRIEND
THAN ISRAEL, AND ISRAEL HAS NO
BETTER FRIEND THAN AMERICA."
AND THE SAME IS TRUE TODAY. LET
ME GIVE YOU A FEW EXAMPLES OF
HOW THIS PARTNERSHIP WORKS FOR
BOTH COUNTRIES.**

**LOOK AT THE UNITED NATIONS.
NO OTHER COUNTRY VOTES MORE
CONSISTENTLY WITH THE UNITED
STATES THAN ISRAEL--WELL OVER
90% OF THE TIME. THAT'S MORE
THAN BRITAIN, MORE THAN FRANCE,
JAPAN, GERMANY, OR ANY OF OUR
WESTERN ALLIES.**

**AND, OF COURSE, IT WAS THE
UNITED STATES WHO ALWAYS
INSISTED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS**

REPEAL U.N. RESOLUTION 3867,
WHICH EQUATED ZIONISM WITH
RACISM--AND WHO FINALLY
SECURED THAT OVERWHELMING
RENUNCIATION IN 1991.

TODAY, ISRAEL REMAINS OUR
MOST IMPORTANT ALLY IN THE
FIGHT AGAINST RADICAL ISLAMIC
FORCES AND AGAINST THE SPREAD
OF WEAPONS OF MASS
DESTRUCTION IN THE REGION. AND,

WORKING TOGETHER, THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL ARE DEVELOPING DEFENSES AGAINST BALLISTIC MISSILES. ANYONE WHO SAW THE IRAQI SCUD'S LANDING ON TEL AVIV KNOWS HOW IMPORTANT HAVING A DEFENSE AGAINST THEM CAN BE.

AND BECAUSE OF AMERICAN INSISTENCE THAT THE FORMER SOVIET UNION OPEN ITS BORDERS,

500,000 JEWS HAVE EMIGRATED TO ISRAEL, MORE THAN AT ANY OTHER PERIOD IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY. THE UNITED STATES ALSO PROVIDED LOAN GUARANTEES--WHICH I SUPPORTED--TO HELP ISRAEL ABSORB THE REFUGEES.

I WAS ALSO PROUD TO HAVE SHEPHERDED THE U.S.-ISRAEL FREE TRADE AGREEMENT THROUGH THE SENATE--THE FIRST AND MOST FAR

**REACHING AGREEMENT OF ITS KIND.
AS A RESULT, ISRAEL ENJOYS
LOWER U.S. TARIFF RATES THAN
ANY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, AND
THE U.S. IS THE SINGLE LARGEST
EXPORT MARKET FOR ISRAELI
EXPORTS--WITH TWO WAY TRADE
APPROACHING EIGHT BILLION
DOLLARS.**

**I COULD GO ON AND ON AND ON
ABOUT THE MUTUAL ACTS OF**

FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL. BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS THIS: AMERICA IS BETTER AND SAFER BECAUSE OF OUR PARTNERSHIP. ISRAEL IS BETTER AND SAFER BECAUSE OF OUR PARTNERSHIP. AND THE WORLD IS BETTER AND SAFER BECAUSE OF OUR PARTNERSHIP.

AND AS WE LOOK AROUND THE WORLD TODAY, I BELIEVE THAT OUR

**PARTNERSHIP IS NEEDED NOW MORE
THAN EVER.**

**FOR ISRAEL IS ENTERING A
CRITICAL TIME IN ITS LONG
STRUGGLE FOR A JUST, SECURE,
AND PERMANENT PEACE. THE PEACE
PROCESS IS TURNING OUT TO BE
DIFFICULT, COMPLEX, AND OFTEN
FRUSTRATING. AND SUCCESS HAS
NOT COME QUICKLY OR EASILY.
TALKS WITH SYRIA ARE PROCEEDING**

AT A SNAIL'S PACE. TALKS WITH THE PALESTINIANS ARE MAKING PROGRESS, BUT EXTREMISTS IN THE PALESTINIAN CAMP HAVE NOT BACKED AWAY FROM THEIR BRUTAL CAMPAIGN OF TERRORISM AGAINST ISRAEL. AND THERE SEEMS TO BE NO END OF TERRORISM AND SABER RATTLING EMERGING FROM IRAN.

PERHAPS MOST WORRISOME IS IRAN'S PUSH TO ACQUIRE A

**NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY AND
THE MISSILES TO DELIVER THEM.
THERE SHOULD BE NO MISTAKE:
ISRAEL CAN NEVER BE SECURE WITH
A NUCLEAR-ARMED IRAN.**

**MANY IN CONGRESS, INCLUDING
MYSELF, HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR
AN END TO ALL U.S. TRADE WITH
IRAN FOR SOME TIME, AND WE WERE
PLEASED WHEN PRESIDENT CLINTON
JOINED OUR CAUSE. I MET WITH**

PRIME MINISTER RABIN EARLIER
TODAY, AND I AGREE WITH HIS
ASSESSMENT THAT IRAN IS THE
NUMBER ONE SECURITY THREAT
FACED BY ISRAEL.

IRAN IS A TERRORIST STATE. AND
IT MUST NEVER BE ALLOWED TO
OBTAIN NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
PERIOD. AND WHEN PRESIDENT
CLINTON IS IN RUSSIA I TRUST THAT
HE WILL MAKE IT VERY CLEAR TO

**BORIS YELTSIN THAT PROVIDING
IRAN THE WHEREWITHAL TO
CONTINUE ITS NUCLEAR DRIVE AND
A CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH THE
UNITED STATES ARE MUTUALLY
EXCLUSIVE GOALS.**

**THERE SHOULD ALSO BE A CLEAR
MESSAGE TO SYRIA. THERE WILL BE
NO IMPROVEMENT IN THE BILATERAL
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED
STATES UNTIL YOUR POLICIES**

**CHANGE ON A WIDE RANGE OF
ISSUES: NO MORE SUPPORT FOR
TERRORISM, NO MORE DRUG
TRAFFICKING, AND NO MORE
OCCUPATION OF LEBANON.**

**WE ALL HOPE AND PRAY THAT
THE PEACE PROCESS WILL SUCCEED.
AND THAT THE REMARKABLE
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST
FEW YEARS WERE JUST THE
BEGINNING. BUT NO ONE SHOULD**

**EVER DOUBT THAT IF THE PEACE
PROCESS FAILS, AMERICA WILL
STAND BY ISRAEL.**

**THERE ARE SOME WHO SAY THAT
EVEN WITH ALL THE CHALLENGES
REMAINING TO ACHIEVE PEACE,
ENOUGH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE
THAT IT'S TIME TO REDUCE THE AID
THE UNITED STATES PROVIDES TO
ISRAEL.**

**MY RESPONSE TO THOSE URGING
THIS COURSE IS TO TELL THEM TO
COMPARE OUR \$3 BILLION OF AID TO
ISRAEL TO THE HUNDREDS AND
HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS IT HAS COST
US--AND CONTINUES TO COST US--
TO DEFEND EUROPE AND KOREA.**

**DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME, I
THINK IT IS RIGHT AND NECESSARY
FOR US TO HAVE A PRESENCE IN
EUROPE AND KOREA. BUT THE**

**COSTS OF OUR FORWARD PRESENCE
PUTS OUR AID TO ISRAEL IN A
DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE.**

**AND LET'S NOT FOOL OURSELVES:
THE MIDDLE EAST IS A ROUGH
NEIGHBORHOOD, ONE IN WHICH THE
UNITED STATES HAS SOME VITAL
INTERESTS. IMAGINE HOW MUCH
MORE IT WOULD HAVE COST US TO
DEFEND OUR INTERESTS THERE ON A
PERMANENT BASIS, AS WE DO IN**

EUROPE AND KOREA, IF THERE WERE
NO ISRAEL. THE BOTTOM LINE IS
SIMPLE: AID TO ISRAEL IS IN
AMERICA'S INTEREST, AND NOW IS
NOT THE TIME TO REDUCE OUR AID
TO ISRAEL.

LET ME NOW TURN TO
JERUSALEM. IT IS A REMARKABLE
AND UNIQUE CITY THAT PERHAPS
MORE THAN ANY OTHER HAS HELPED
MOLD THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF

**WESTERN CIVILIZATION. THINK
ABOUT IT: NO OTHER CITY ON
EARTH BESIDES JERUSALEM IS THE
CAPITAL OF THE SAME COUNTRY,
INHABITED BY THE SAME PEOPLE,
SPEAKING THE SAME LANGUAGE,
AND WORSHIPPING THE SAME GOD,
AS IT WAS 3,000 YEARS AGO.**

**JERUSALEM IS TODAY AS IT HAS
BEEN FOR THREE MILLENNIA THE
HEART AND SOUL OF THE JEWISH**

**PEOPLE. IT IS ALSO, AND SHOULD
REMAIN FOREVER, THE ETERNAL AND
UNDIVIDED CAPITAL OF THE STATE
OF ISRAEL.**

**YEARS AGO, I WAS ONE OF THOSE
WHO QUESTIONED THE WISDOM OF
MOVING THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
FROM TEL AVIV TO JERUSALEM. I
FELT THAT DOING SO AT THAT TIME
COULD UNDERMINE OUR EFFORTS**

**AND ABILITY TO ACT AS A
PEACEMAKER.**

**TODAY, HOWEVER, MUCH HAS
CHANGED. THERE IS NO SOVIET
UNION. A MULTINATIONAL
COALITION LED BY THE UNITED
STATES DEFEATED IRAQ. ISRAEL IS
AT PEACE WITH EGYPT AND JORDAN.
THE PEACE PROCESS HAS MADE
GREAT STRIDES, AND OUR
COMMITMENT TO THAT PROCESS IS**

**UNCHALLENGEABLE. DELAYING THE
PROCESS OF MOVING THE EMBASSY
NOW ONLY SENDS A MESSAGE OF
FALSE HOPES. SO WHAT ARE WE
WAITING FOR?**

**I WAS PROUD TO JOIN WITH 92 OF
MY SENATE COLLEAGUES IN SIGNING
A LETTER LAST MARCH URGING THE
ADMINISTRATION TO MOVE OUR
EMBASSY NO LATER THAN MAY
1999. AS HAS SO OFTEN BEEN THE**

**CASE ON JERUSALEM, SENATORS
D'AMATO AND MOYNIHAN LED THAT
EFFORT.**

**THE TIME HAS COME, HOWEVER,
TO MOVE BEYOND LETTERS,
EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT, AND
SENSE OF THE CONGRESS
RESOLUTIONS. THE TIME HAS COME
TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WILL
GET THE JOB DONE.**

**TOMORROW, ALONG WITH
SENATOR DAN INOUE OF HAWAII
AND SENATOR JOHN KYL OF
ARIZONA AND MANY OTHERS, I WILL
INTRODUCE THE "JERUSALEM
EMBASSY RELOCATION
IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 1995."**

**IT MANDATES THAT THE UNITED
STATES OPEN A NEW EMBASSY IN
JERUSALEM NO LATER THAN MAY
31, 1999. THE LEGISLATION ALSO**

**REQUIRES GROUNDBREAKING FOR
CONSTRUCTION NEXT YEAR -- IN
1996--THE 3,000TH ANNIVERSARY OF
KING DAVID'S ESTABLISHMENT OF
JERUSALEM AS THE CAPITAL OF
ISRAEL.**

**I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER
WITH SPEAKER GINGRICH, AND I AM
PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT HE
WILL INTRODUCE IDENTICAL**

**LEGISLATION IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES TOMORROW.**

**LET ME CONCLUDE BY NOTING
THAT TODAY IS THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF VE-DAY."**

**AND, AS WE CELEBRATE THIS
ANNIVERSARY, LET US REMEMBER A
FEW LESSONS THAT WORLD WAR II
TAUGHT US--LESSONS THAT REMAIN
VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR AMERICA
TODAY.**

**WE LEARNED THAT WE CAN NOT
TURN OUR BACKS ON WHAT
HAPPENS IN THE REST OF THE
WORLD.**

**WE LEARNED THAT WE MUST
NEVER AGAIN ALLOW OUR MILITARY
TO REACH LOW LEVELS OF
PREPAREDNESS AND SUPPLIES--AND,
GIVEN PRESIDENT CLINTON'S
MASSIVE CUTS IN THE DEFENSE
BUDGET, I'M AFRAID WE MAY BE ON**

THE VERGE OF DOING JUST THAT.

**WE LEARNED THAT WE CANNOT
APPEASE TYRANTS AND DICTATORS.**

**AND, PERHAPS ABOVE ALL, WE
LEARNED THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE
OF AMERICAN LEADERSHIP. DESPITE
WHAT YOU MIGHT HEAR FROM THE
WHITE HOUSE THESE DAYS,
REPUBLICANS ARE NOT RETREATING
FROM OUR INVOLVEMENT AROUND
THE WORLD.**

**WE KNOW AMERICAN LEADERSHIP
ENABLED THE ALLIED FORCES TO
WIN THE WAR. BUT FOR SIX MILLION
JEWS, THAT LEADERSHIP CAME TOO
LATE.**

**MY POINT IS THIS: THE VOW WE
ALL MADE AFTER THE WAR WAS
"NEVER AGAIN." NEVER AGAIN
WOULD AMERICA SIT ON HER
HANDS, IF OUR LEADERSHIP WAS
NEEDED TO CONFRONT GENOCIDE.**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE
FACT IS THAT AMERICAN
LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN AND IS
NEEDED TO PUT AN END TO
GENOCIDE AND "ETHNIC CLEANSING"
IN BOSNIA. AND THE FACT IS WE
HAVE NOT PROVIDED THAT
LEADERSHIP.

HOW MANY MORE INNOCENT
CIVILIANS MUST DIE BEFORE WE END
THIS UNJUST AND ILLEGAL POLICY?

IN THIS CASE, LEADERSHIP DOES
NOT MEAN U.S. TROOPS OR
UNILATERAL MILITARY ACTION. BUT
IT DOES MEAN ~~IS~~ ALLOWING
ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE UNITED
NATIONS TO DEFEND ITSELF.

I WANT TO LEAVE YOU TONIGHT
WITH WORDS THAT WERE WRITTEN
BY A REMARKABLE TEEN-AGE GIRL
HALF A CENTURY AGO. "HOW
LOVELY TO THINK THAT NO ONE

**NEED WAIT A MOMENT., WROTE
ANNE FRANK IN HER DIARY. "WE
CAN START NOW, START SLOWLY,
CHANGING THE WORLD. HOW
LOVELY THAT EVERYONE, GREAT
AND SMALL, CAN MAKE A
CONTRIBUTION."**

**AS MEMBERS OF AIPAC, EACH OF
YOU HAS MADE A CONTRIBUTION TO
STRENGTHENING THE PARTNERSHIP
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND**

**ISRAEL--A PARTNERSHIP THAT HAS,
AND WILL CONTINUE TO CHANGE
THE WORLD FOR THE BETTER.**