

MEMORANDUM

APRIL 17, 1972

TO: Senator Humphrey
FROM: Mark Epstein
SUBJ: University of Pennsylvania -- Hillel Club
Tuesday, April 18

We suggest you open with this "Israel Independence Day Message" and speak for just a few minutes.

Otherwise this event will be entirely Q. & A.

The event is being co-sponsored with the University Forum, so the audience will be from all segments of the university community.

You will definitely have a couple of questions on Israel and the Middle East -- and most likely several on Vietnam.

TONIGHT, THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND THEIR FRIENDS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WILL BE CELEBRATING THE 24TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL.
IN THOSE 24 YEARS, ISRAEL HAS BECOME A SYMBOL OF COURAGE
AND HOPE TO MILLIONS OF AMERICANS OF ALL FAITHS AND CREEDS.
NO NATION HAS REMAINED AS STEADFASTLY LOYAL TO THE PRINCIPLES
OF HUMAN FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY WHILE FACING SUCH OVERWHELMING
CHALLENGES -- AS ISRAEL.

SADLY ENOUGH, THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO REFUSE
TO ACKNOWLEDGE CERTAIN FUNDAMENTAL REALITIES CREATED BY
AN INDEPENDENT ISRAEL.

AFTER 24 YEARS OUR GOVERNMENT STILL REFUSES
TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE REALITY OF A JEWISH JERUSALEM, AND WE
COMPOUND THIS REFUSAL BY CONDEMNING ISRAEL'S REBUILDING
AND REUNIFICATION OF THIS SACRED CITY.

WE SHOULD WELCOME A UNITED JERUSALEM IN WHICH THE
SHRINES AND HOLY PLACES OF ALL FAITHS ARE TREATED WITH
RESPECT. WE SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF
ISRAEL AND ITS PEOPLE TO THE CAUSE OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND
FREEDOM.

ACCORDINGLY, I STATE TO YOU TODAY THAT WHATEVER MY ROLE
MAY BE IN AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE NEXT YEAR, I SHALL JOURNEY
TO JERUSALEM TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF ISRAEL'S

25TH ANNIVERSARY.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS RECENTLY VISITED WITH MANY OF OUR ALLIES AND EVEN OUR MAJOR ADVERSARIES, BUT HE HAS NEVER FOUND TIME TO VISIT OUR MOST LOYAL FRIEND IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT'S TIME THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES VISITED THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

I LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING ISRAEL'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY WITH LEADERS AND PEOPLE OF ISRAEL IN THEIR CAPITAL CITY.

NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM!



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