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cordially invite you to attend
the presentation of the
Leon and Marilynn Klinghoffer Award
in Recognition of Exemplary Action Against Terrorism to
Former Secretary of State
George P. Shultz
with special words of appreciation by
Shimon Peres
Israel's Vice Prime Minister
and Minister of Finance
at a luncheon
of the International Affairs Committee
Wednesday, June 14, 1989 at 12:15 p.m.
The New York Marriott Marquis Hotel
46th Street at Broadway

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REMARKS BY

MAX M. KAMPELMAN

HONORING FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE P. SHULTZ

BEFORE THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

JUNE 14, 1989

Mr. Secretary, the Anti-Defamation League is deeply rooted in American values. From the early days of our nation's founding when the Puritans used the Hebrew language as the language of their prayer, the ties that have bound Judaism to American democracy have been strong. Hebrew words are still a permanent part of the emblems of some of our early, great universities. Beginning with John Adams, American Presidents have verbalized and acted upon the conviction that the historic land of Palestine was to be restored as a Jewish national homeland.

In the United States today, more than 40% of all the Jews in the world live comfortably in two cultures, the Jewish and the Christian, with American civilization essentially a Judaic-Christian one. This era in this country may well be the golden age of Jewish history. Jewish culture has soared to impressive heights. Some of the greatest Jewish libraries in the world are here. Devotion to Judaism and to world Jewry

flourishes. The community is strong and affluent, with a spiritual and intellectual ingredient of significance. History is likely to judge that the American period for Jewry is the grandest ever - grander than the period in Alexandria during the first century, or the period in Spain under the Arabs from the 11th to the 14th centuries. And all of this is protected by America's strength.

The unique characteristic of American democracy which makes us proud to be Americans is the fact that our loyalties as Americans, as Jews or Christians, are harmonously interrelated in a common faith -- a faith in justice, in human brotherhood and in human dignity. The ancient Hebrew tribes made their historic contribution to civilization by proclaiming to their neighbors that there was only one God. The immense significance of that proclamation was in the concept that if there is only one God, then we are all of us His children and thus brothers and sisters of one another. Here, indeed, is the basis for our law, our system of jurisprudence and our political democracy.

Mr. Secretary, the American Jewish community has a romance with America. And it has a romance with those American leaders who represent the finest traditions and share the highest aspirations of our American democracy. There is no question but that the American Jewish Community has a romance with you.

No American alive today has represented those traditions and those aspirations as effectively, or as deeply, or with as much commitment as you.

Winston Churchill said it is difficult to look up to people whose ears are always to the ground. We have no difficulty looking up with admiration and affection to George Shultz, who symbolizes the essence of character and integrity in American public life.

An educated man without an educated heart is not fully educated. George Shultz is a fully educated man. I will never forget an evening in Moscow. George and Obie decided to excuse themselves from official Moscow. In the late afternoon they had a reception in the American compound for Jewish refuseniks, in the same tradition that led to the Moscow Seder, which the Secretary co-hosted, a year earlier. Following the reception, there was a visit to the Sakharov apartment for good conversation and tea served by Yelena Bonner. For dinner, the Shultzes invited a number of independent Soviet intellectuals from the arts, the theater, and the academy. We ate in one of the new cooperative private enterprise restaurants. I have participated in Professor Shultz' occasional Saturday seminars in the Department. That night in Moscow he ran an unparalleled seminar, as all of us felt lifted by the awareness of our shared human values and aspirations.

There are changes taking place in the Soviet Union. No man has played a more central role than George Shultz in fashioning, indeed sculpting, a stable transition in Soviet-American relations designed to encourage those changes. He helped persuade our nation that we do not have to drop our guard in order to raise our sights. And he has raised our sights to the possibility -- not yet the probability -- of a world with fewer tensions and greater prospects for lasting peace with dignity.

Diplomacy is a complicated and unpredictable exercise. It was the eloquent and elegant Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban who said: "I have confidence that men and nations will act wisely -- when they have exhausted all alternatives." The tendency toward irrationality is always there. The idealogues from the right and the left, who know that the Lord would agree with them if He only knew the facts, are ever present. But, of course, George Shultz has always known the facts, and that quality, let me say as one who has carefully watched this man at work, is awesome.

When George Shultz assumed office as Secretary of State we were a great nation. When he left office less than five months ago, we were a greater nation. It was a special and cherished opportunity to work for and with George Shultz in my recent

public service. It is today a great personal pleasure and privilege for me, in your behalf ladies and gentlemen, to express our great appreciation as American citizens, to our most respected friend, a true symbol of our nation's vitality and values, George P. Shultz.

Thank you.

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June 21, 1989

The Honorable Max M. Kampelman
3154 Highland Place, NW
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Dear Max:

Your comments at the Shultz luncheon were absolutely beautiful.

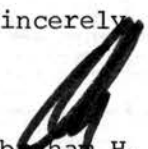
Just stopping by to say hello, I know we asked a little bit more of you. However, you lent so much to the program with your observations, personal reminiscences and thoughtful remarks about our community and our country.

As you saw, it turned out to be a wonderful day and a very emotional and significant award ceremony.

Thanks so much for helping to make it so special.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,


Abraham H. Foxman

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RESOLUTION ON RESETTLEMENT OF SOVIET JEWS

Recognizing the improving situation of Soviet Jewry and the significant numbers leaving the U.S.S.R. on Israeli visas and the substantial efforts required for resettlement, we urge that the American Jewish community's priority and resources for such resettlement should be directed toward Israel.

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