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REMARKS BY
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THE LION OF JUDAH AWARD
WASHINGTON COMMITTEE, STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS

Capital Hilton Hotel
Washington, D.C.

May 1, 1991

First, let me say to Mr. Neal Sher - Thank you! - and congratulations.

Ambassador Rosenne, I am deeply grateful to you for that grand introduction. I enjoyed every one of your lovely exaggerations. Indeed, your introduction was particularly welcome in the light of an experience I had waiting for an elevator in a busy office building in New York the other day. A lady kept looking at me very quizzically. She finally came over, looked at me more carefully and then asked: "Mister, didn't you used to be somebody?"

Thank you, Meir, for helping me be a somebody. As a matter of fact, it would be a mistake for you and this audience to believe that my humility was ever a problem. It is not easy in the Jewish tradition to be humble. The tale is told of a Kol Nidre synagogue service where the ancient Jewish Rabbi, taken by the solemnity of this most somber of Jewish holidays, loudly proclaimed: "Oh, Lord, I am a nothing, a nothing!" The Cantor, caught up in the emotion, sang out: "Oh, Lord, I am a nothing, a nothing!" The President of the synagogue, similarly moved,

shouted: "I, too, dear Lord, I am a nothing, a nothing." Whereupon, the lowly sexton, affected by the emotion of the moment, joined in with "I am a nothing, a nothing." At that, the President turned to the Rabbi and whispered: "Look who thinks he's a nothing!"

In any event, it is always good to be introduced by a friend and Meir Rosenne is a cherished friend and has been for many years. I know him to be possessed with an extraordinarily keen and incisive legal mind, a deep analytical insight which has earned him the reputation of being one of Israel's finest lawyers, advocates and diplomats. It is always a special privilege to see that brilliant mind and warm heart work in tandem at either a formal negotiating session or an informal social exchange and conversation.

The American Jewish community and Israel are fortunate to have him now as head of the Israel bond campaign. The stresses and strains on that small society are great as it attempts to strengthen its democratic institutions and enliven its economy so that it can absorb the more than one million Soviet Jews who fear for their lives and welfare in their native home as they seek freedom and human dignity for themselves in a troubled part of the world. We who are fortunate to be American citizens have a responsibility to play a constructive role in making that absorption a successful one. The sacrifices we are asked to make is not one of lives, or our fortunes, or our security or

our welfare. It is simply to participate in that world-shaking humanitarian rescue effort through our generosity and through our investments. We can do no less.

The fact is that lawyers and accountants have a special relationship with Israel. Golda Meier used to say that they were always in the front lines of Israel's defense forces. When asked "Why?", Golda would say that as the battle developed, the generals, knowing the lawyers and accountants were in the front line, would yell "charge!" and Golda added "and they knew how to charge!"

Meier, the lawyers and accountants in this room understand their professional responsibility. They will respond.

With this luncheon and your award, I am pleased to have been asked to play a minor role in that effort.

Thank you.

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April 26, 1991

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Dr. Robert G. Fishman
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Fishman:

It was good to meet you the other evening. I wish you well in your activities. They are important. I am, however, impelled to write you now, somewhat critically, because of an unnecessary irritation.

When I was asked to accept the honoree position for the May 1 luncheon, I was reluctant to do so and fully and frankly explained that I did not wish to be in any way responsible for developing an audience for the luncheon. I also made it clear that my law firm would not be of assistance in connection with the luncheon and that I did not wish in any way to involve my firm in the project. Those conditions were accepted and I, of course, then proceeded with pleasure to accept the honor.

In spite of the above, your staff has succeeded in irritating my partners in the law firm who have the responsibility for charitable giving. Two of them have now informed me that they have been the victims of telephone harassment and insults in connection with an effort to sell a table to the partners of our firm. They have shown me copies of telephone messages that were left when unable to reach them directly. These indeed reflect rudeness, abruptness, discourtesy and a demanding tone which is insulting.

This is annoying and embarrassing to me and certainly damaging to your efforts here in our community. It is for these reasons that I bring this to your attention.

Sincerely,


Max M. Kampelman

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March 8, 1991

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Mr. Philip M. Horowitz, Chairman
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State of Israel Bonds
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Dear Mr. Horowitz:

Thank you very much for your gracious suggestion of March 6. My secretary told me about a telephone call she received on the subject from Mr. Gamliel. I am obviously flattered by the suggestion and, in principle, would like to do what I can to be helpful to the Israel Bond effort in Washington. I do, however, have a serious hesitation about accepting your proposal.

Let me at the outset say that I have been blessed with a great many luncheons and dinners in Washington which have been associated with honors for me. In my opinion, particularly with the passage of time, the draw is less attractive and the well is running dry. You and your associates should be aware of that.

In addition, as I will explain to Eli Gamliel should he call, the law firm with which I am associated has adopted a policy which makes it unable to play an active role in the solicitation of bond sales associated with the function. I regret this fact, but that is the case.

It is for that reason that I believe you should re-evaluate your plan. If, upon such re-evaluation you would still like to go forward with the function, I would be pleased and honored to be present at the May 1 luncheon, say a few words, and happily accept your award.

All my best.

Sincerely,


Max M. Kampelman

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March 6, 1991

Ambassador Max M. Kampelman
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1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Ambassador Kampelman:

One of the most important events on the Israel Bond campaign calendar is the Legal and Accounting Division's annual luncheon. It is attended by approximately 200 lawyers and accountants who represent many of the most prestigious firms in the Washington area.

In recognition of your steadfast support for the State of Israel, the members of the Legal and Accounting Division would consider it a special privilege if you would agree to be the honoree at our annual luncheon. At that time we would like to present you with the Lion of Judah Award, in appreciation of all you have done for Israel and for world peace.

We have reserved the date of May 1, 1991 at the Capital Hilton hotel. We hope your schedule permits you to accept our request. Eli Gamliel, of the Israel Bond Office, will be in touch with you for your response. Thank you.

Most sincerely,

Philip M. Horowitz, Chairman
Legal & Accounting Division

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ISRAEL'S
ECONOMY **40**
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\$10 BILLION

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May 8, 1991

Dr. Robert G. Fishman
Executive Director

Ambassador Max Kampelman
3154 Highland Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20008

Dear Ambassador,

Just a short note to express my appreciation for your efforts on behalf of Bonds this year. It was a privilege and a pleasure to have you as our honoree at the Legal and Accounting luncheon and I hope that you enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did.

If there is anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to ask.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'R. Fishman'.

Robert G. Fishman, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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M E M O R A N D U M

*Leonard
his sec too*

TO: Max M. Kampelman
FROM: Joel R. Feidelman, P.C. *JR*
DATE: April 23, 1991

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Eli Gamliel gives Israel Bonds a bad name! Leonard Zax's secretary apparently told him last week that I was Chairman of FF's Charitable Contributions Committee, and he began harassing me. From April 17 through April 19, he called me seven times and sent me a fax in an effort to get a Fried Frank table for the luncheon honoring you. The messages from my secretary and the fax are attached.

He is rude, abrupt, discourteous and demanding. I had several business emergencies last week and was on long conference calls three times when he called me. When told that I was again on a conference call, Mr. Gamliel told my secretary that she sounded "like a broken record" and wanted her to interrupt me because it was "urgent".

After we spoke at lunch on April 19, I telephoned Mr. Gamliel to tell him that the firm does not make contributions in honor of partners to other than charitable events. I also told him what I thought of his harassment and that, to my understanding, it was contrary to your instructions regarding contacting the firm. He admitted that he was acting contrary to your instructions, but he stated that I was at fault for not responding to his calls.

Mr. Gamliel's arrogance is only exceeded by his chutzpah. You might wish to advise him that the utter disregard of your express instructions is as annoying to you as his obnoxious conduct has been to my secretary and to me.

Attachments

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M ELI of Israel Bond's etc.

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☐ Returned your call
☒ Please return the call
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Phone: 301-654-6575 Date 4/17 Time 10:22 By far

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M Eli of Israel Bond ??

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M Eli of Israel Bond

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☐ Will call again
☐ Returned your call
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May 1 - Kampelman lunch

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M Eli of _____

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(301) 656 6575 Date 4/1/18 Time 3:05 By jth

PHONE-O-GRAM® for: TRF

M r. Gamliel of Israel Bond

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☐ Will call again ☒ Please return the call ☐ See me

Message: Is going to fax something to Joel

Phone: _____ Date 4/1/18 Time 3:56 By Liz

PHONE-O-GRAM® for: Joel

M Eli Gamuel of Israel Bond

☒ Telephoned ☐ Returned your call ☐ Came in
☐ Will call again ☒ Please return the call ☐ See me

Message: assign someone to reserve table since you're busy

Phone: 301 654-6575 Date 4/1/19 Time 11:00 By jth

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Washington Committee, State of Israel Bonds
cordially invites you
to its

Annual Luncheon

to honor

Ambassador Max M. Kampelman
who will be presented with
The Lion of Judah Award

Special Guest

Neal M. Sher

*Director, Office of Special Investigation
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Wednesday, May 1, at 12 noon

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Philip M. Horowitz

Chairman

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Couvert: \$30

Table of Ten---\$300.00

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WASHINGTON JEWISH WEEK March 28, 1991

**Legal & Accounting Division To Honor
Ambassador Kampelman;
OSI Head Neal Sher To Be Special Guest**



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