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STATE GEORGE P. SHULTZ, OCTOBER 18, 1987,  
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BEGIN TEXT:

SECRETARY SHULTZ: I HAVE RECEIVED A VERY WARM AND PERSONAL WELCOME HERE IN ISRAEL. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION AND THE RETURN OF THAT WARMTH THAT GOES FOR THE CONSTRUCTIVE AND WORTHWHILE MEETINGS I HAVE HAD WITH PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR, WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PERES, DEFENSE MINISTER RABIN AND THEIR ASSOCIATES, THE MEETINGS AT TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY, AND THE CEREMONY AT THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE AND THE LUNCHEON FOLLOWING. THE MOVING EXPERIENCE OF MEETING WITH IDA NUDEL AND ILANA FRIEDMAN, WHO I HAD MET WITH BEFORE--BOTH OF THEM UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES--WAS A GENUINE JOY, BUT AT THE SAME TIME THEY AND OTHERS WHOM I MET WITH ARE CONTINUAL REMINDERS OF THE WORK YET TO BE DONE. I HOPE THAT MY PRESENCE HERE BEFORE I GO TO MOSCOW MAKES CLEAR BY THAT FACT THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE PRESIDENT AND I THINK ALL AMERICANS ATTACH TO THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOVIET JEWRY. OF COURSE WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTINUING AND VERY RICH DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR WILL BE IN WASHINGTON, I THINK ON THE 20TH, TO SEE THE PRESIDENT AND

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WILL COME NEXT YEAR FOR A MORE FORMAL VISIT. AND WE WILL BE WELCOMING PRESIDENT HERZOG EARLIER. SO THERE ARE CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS GOING ON ALL THE TIME. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. I'LL BE GLAD TO TAKE THEM.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, BARRY SCHWEID OF AP. ASSUMING YOU STILL APPLY THE LOFTUS RULE, CAN YOU TELL US IF...

A: YOU MEAN IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY NEWS, DON'T HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE?

Q: WELL, THE COROLLARY (LAUGHTER).

A: SEE YOU LATER, FELLOWS (LAUGHTER).

Q: I WAS THINKING OF THE COROLLARY. SINCE

YOU CALLED THIS NEWS CONFERENCE SURELY YOU  
MUST HAVE NEWS.

A: NO, I DON'T HAVE ANY NEWS.

Q: I MIGHT COAX YOU INTO BY ASKING IF YOU  
THINK THE SITUATION, THE PEACE PROCESS,  
REALLY REQUIRES WHAT A LOCAL PAPER HERE CALLS  
NEW IDEAS OR IF IT REQUIRES THE ARABS AND THE  
ISRAELIS TO FIND THEIR OWN WAY TO NEGOTIATION.

A: OBVIOUSLY, THE OBJECTIVE OF ALL OUR  
EFFORTS IS PEACE. WE BELIEVE IT'S PRETTY  
CLEAR--I DO, AND I THINK ALL MY FRIENDS HERE  
DO--THAT THE WAY TO GET THERE IS THROUGH  
DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS AND HOW DO YOU BRING THAT

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ABOUT? SO WE CONTINUE TO SCRATCH OUR HEADS ABOUT THAT. THERE IS A SENSE IN WHICH YOU HAVE TO SAY SO MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY WELL INFORMED AND VERY BRIGHT HAVE WORKED ON THESE ISSUES FOR SO LONG THAT IT IS IMPROBABLE THAT THERE ARE ANY GENUINELY NEW IDEAS. BUT THE SITUATION EVOLVES AND YOU TRY TO ARRANGE THESE, BOTH SUBSTANTIVELY AND PROCEDURALLY, TO SEE IF YOU CAN'T FIND A WAY FOR SOME PROGRESS. BECAUSE THE OBJECTIVE OF PEACE IS SO IMPORTANT AND THE BENEFITS POTENTIALLY ARE SO GREAT. AND I HAVE BEEN DOING THAT WITH THE PRIME MINISTER WHOSE DRIVE FOR PEACE IS QUITE APPARENT, AS WELL AS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER WHO ALSO HAS A GREAT CONCERN AND IS CONSUMED BY THAT OBJECTIVE. SO THAT IS WHAT I HAVE BEEN DOING. I WILL DO THAT WITH PRESIDENT MUBARAK, WITH KING HUSSEIN, AGAIN WITH PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR WHEN HE IS IN WASHINGTON, AND SO ON. WE HOPE THAT WE GRADUALLY GET SOMEWHERE AND IN A WAY, IF YOU LOOK BACK A WAYS, THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS.

Q: JIM ANDERSON FROM UPI. FOLLOWING ON, MR. SECRETARY, WOULD YOU CONTINUE, DO YOU THINK, YOUR TALKS WITH THE ISRAELIS HAVE MOVED THINGS FORWARD AT ALL? DO YOU SEE ANY REARRANGEMENTS THAT GIVE ANY POSSIBILITY OF

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ANY FUTURE MOVEMENTS?

A: I CAN'T POINT TO ANY PARTICULAR THING AND SAY "LOOK, WE HAVE GONE FROM HERE TO THERE." BUT I DO FEEL THAT WE HAVE HAD SOME...THE DISCUSSIONS ARE ALWAYS INTENSE AND GOOD ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN VERY THOROUGH, AND I BELIEVE, AT LEAST FROM MY STANDPOINT, IT HAS BEEN BENEFICIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE. BUT I CAN'T POINT TO ANY PARTICULAR THING AT THIS POINT THAT IS A BIG SIGN OF PROGRESS.

Q: DAVID SHIPLER FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR RELAX HIS OBJECTIONS TO AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE? DO YOU THINK THAT WOULD HELP MAKE PROGRESS?

A: HE IS CONCERNED AS WE ALL ARE, BY WANTING TO FIND A ROAD TO PEACE. AND HE IS CONCERNED AS WE ALL ARE, THAT WE FIND A ROAD THAT TURNS OUT TO BE FRUITFUL AND THAT DOESN'T GET OVERWHELMED BY RISKS. SO I THINK HE HAS AN ASSESSMENT OF RISKS THAT IS QUITE UNDERSTANDABLE; AND WE HAVE TO KEEP WORKING AT THIS BALANCE OF THE RISKS OF DOING SOMETHING, THE RISKS OF NOT DOING SOMETHING; HOW TO MINIMIZE THE RISK CONNECTED WITH ANY ACTION THAT WE CONTEMPLATE AND KEEP STRUGGLING AT IT. AND THAT'S WHAT WE ARE DOING. SO I AM NOT TRYING TO TALK ANYBODY INTO OR OUT OF ANY PARTICULAR THING, BUT JUST FIND SOME AVENUE THAT WE CAN ALL FEEL MORE

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COMFORTABLE WITH AND HE FEELS, OBVIOUSLY,  
WITH AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AS DESCRIBED  
BY MANY.



Q: JAY BUSHINSKY OF THE CHICAGO SUN TIMES.  
DO YOU AGREE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, MR.  
SHAMIR, THAT THE MAIN OBJECTION TO THE  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IS THAT THE SOVIET  
UNION WOULD BE ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS, AND  
THAT THE SOVIET UNION COULD ONLY BE A  
DESTRUCTIVE ELEMENT IN THE PEACE PROCESS?

A: OF COURSE THERE ARE THE FACTS THAT IN THE  
PAST THE SOVIET UNION HAS NOT BEEN  
CONSTRUCTIVE TOWARD THIS. AND WHEN SOMEBODY  
HAS MADE CONSTRUCTIVE MOVES LIKE KING  
HUSSEIN'S EFFORT TO FIND SOME REASONABLE  
GROUND WITH THE PLO, AND HE SEEMED TO BE  
FINDING THAT, THEY WAITED ON THE OTHER SIDE  
OF THE LEDGER. THEY DON'T HAVE DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS WITH ALL OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED,  
MOST PARTICULARLY ISRAEL. WE HAVE THESE  
CONTINUING, VERY DEEP ISSUES OF SOVIET JEWRY  
THAT THEY NEED TO FACE UP TO. SO THERE ARE  
PROBLEMS THERE. SO THAT IS SOMETHING OF AN  
OBSTACLE. THERE ARE OTHER OBSTACLES, BUT  
THERE ARE ALWAYS OBSTACLES. THE QUESTION IS  
HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH THEM AND SOLVE THE  
PROBLEMS, SO YOU GET SOMEWHERE. I HOPE AT  
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SOME POINT THE SOVIET UNION MIGHT BE IN A  
CONSTRUCTIVE FRAME OF MIND.

Q: ANDREW MEISELS OF THE WASHINGTON TIMES.  
MR. SECRETARY, WHEN YOU WILL BE SPEAKING TO  
KING HUSSEIN IN LONDON, WILL YOU BE ABLE TO  
GIVE HIM A DEFINITIVE ANSWER ON THE  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OR WILL YOU BE ABLE  
TO BRING HIM SOME KIND OF AN ALTERNATIVE FOR  
HIM TO WEIGH BASED ON YOUR TALKS?

A: I WILL HAVE SOME THINGS TO TALK TO KING  
HUSSEIN ABOUT, AND I WILL RESERVE THEM FOR  
HIM.

Q: (INAUDIBLE) NEWS SERVICE. MR. SECRETARY,  
WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THE RISKS OF DOING  
NOTHING...?

A: ...IN THE SPEECH THAT I GAVE--WHAT I MEAN  
BY THE RISK OF DOING NOTHING IS THAT IF THE

SITUATION JUST DRIFTS AND PEOPLE GET THE FEELING THAT THERE IS NO HOPE, THEN THERE TENDS TO BE A DEBILITATING PROCESS TAKE PLACE. I THINK THEREFORE, HAVING A PROCESS THAT IS ALIVE--AND TO BE SEEN TO BE ALIVE, IT HAS GENUINELY TO BE ALIVE AND MOVING--ALLOWS PEOPLE TO BELIEVE, AT LEAST WITH SOME GENUINE BASIS THAT THINGS CAN BE BETTER. I THINK THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT. THE RISK OF PEOPLE BEING RESIGNED TO FEELING THAT NOTHING CAN CHANGE FOR THE BETTER ARE GREAT RISKS BECAUSE IT TENDS TO LEAD THEM TO TURN MORE TO VIOLENCE.

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Q: MR. SECRETARY, HOW DO YOU PERCEIVE OR  
CONSIDER THE IDEA RAISED BY THE PRIME  
MINISTER, ITZHAK SHAMIR THAT A MEETING  
BETWEEN HIM AND KING HUSSEIN WITHOUT THE  
FRAMEWORK OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
WOULD SERVE THE CAUSE OF PEACE BETTER THAN  
THE CONFERENCE ITSELF.

A: KING HUSSEIN HAS TO JUDGE THE MANNER IN  
WHICH HE CAN PRODUCTIVELY MOVE FORWARD, AND I  
THINK WE ALL HAVE TO RESPECT THE CONCERNS OF  
EACH PARTY. IN THE END, OF COURSE, IT'S  
IMPORTANT THAT THE KEY PEOPLE IN THE AREA BE  
ABLE TO SIT DOWN AND TALK TO EACH OTHER AND  
TALK THROUGH THESE PROBLEMS. THAT'S THE WAY  
IN WHICH THEY ARE GOING TO BE DEALT WITH.  
OUTSIDERS REALLY CAN'T DO IT. BUT KING  
HUSSEIN HAS I THINK QUITE UNDERSTANDABLE  
REASONS FOR PROCEEDING WITH A CERTAIN AMOUNT  
OF CAUTION, AS WE HAVE SEEN.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, GLEN FRANKEL FROM THE  
WASHINGTON POST. ONE EXAMPLE OF THE  
FRUSTRATION YOU MAY HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT  
WAS THE REFUSAL TODAY OF ANY OF THE

PALESTINIAN LEADERS YOU HAD INVITED HERE TO ATTEND. WHAT WAS YOUR REACTION TO THAT, AND WHAT DO YOU THINK THEIR REASONING WAS?

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A: YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK THEM ABOUT THEIR REASONING. BUT I THINK IT IS TOO BAD FOR THEM BECAUSE THE PALESTINIANS KEEP SAYING THEY WANT REPRESENTATION, THEY WANT TO BE HEARD, THEY WANT THEIR POINT OF VIEW TO BE LISTENED TO, THAT THEY HAVE IDEAS, THAT THEY HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE, AND OF COURSE I AGREE WITH ALL OF THAT. AND SO DOES EVERYBODY. IT'S RIGHT IN, FOR EXAMPLE, THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS, THAT THERE ARE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS, AND SO ON. SO I CAME HERE AND I HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO VARIOUS PEOPLE AS YOU KNOW, AND I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO LISTEN TO THEM SO THAT THEY COULD TELL ME WHAT THEIR VIEWS ARE, AND WHAT THEIR CONCERNS ARE, AND WHAT THEIR IDEAS ARE. SO I THINK THEY HAVE MISSED SOMETHING IN NOT TAKING PART IN AN INVITATION TO A DIALOGUE. IT'S SORT OF CONTRADICTIONARY FOR THEM TO SAY THAT THEY NEED TO BE HEARD, BUT THEN WHEN THEY ARE OFFERED THE CHANCE NOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. UNDOUBTEDLY AS FAR AS INDIVIDUAL HUMAN BEINGS ARE CONCERNED, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, A NUMBER WERE THREATENED. THAT ONLY REMINDS US THAT PEACE HAS ENEMIES, AND IT REMINDS US OF RISKS THAT PEOPLE NEED TO TAKE. BUT WE NEED TO FOCUS ON THE FACT THAT THE ENEMIES OF PEACE ARE NOT BEING CONSTRUCTIVE HERE, AND THE ENEMIES OF PEACE AND THE PURVEYORS OF VIOLENCE, WHAT HAVE THEY ACHIEVED FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE? NOTHING. YOU CAN ACHIEVE MORE BY DIALOGUE AND BY CONSTRUCTIVE WORK, AND THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT HAVE

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BEEN PUT IN PLACE IN THE LAST TWO OR THREE YEARS THAT ARE PROVING CONSTRUCTIVE. I JUST HOPE THE ENEMIES OF PEACE WILL HAVE SOME SECOND THOUGHTS AND THAT THEY WILL FIND THEMSELVES INCREASINGLY IN THE MINORITY. THEY ARE PART OF THE PROBLEM THAT PREVENTS THE PEOPLE THAT THEY ALLEGEDLY, TO THEM, REPRESENT. THEY ARE PART OF PREVENTING THOSE PEOPLE FROM EXPRESSING THEIR VIEWS AND MAKING THEIR ARGUMENTS; TRYING TO HELP ME GAIN MORE INSIGHT INTO THEIR POINT OF VIEW.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, TOM FRIEDMAN FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES. BEFORE YOU CAN BRING THE ISRAELIS AND ARABS TOGETHER, IT'S CLEAR YOU HAVE TO BRING THE ISRAELIS TOGETHER. DO YOU LEAVE HERE FEELING IN YOUR MEETINGS WITH MR. SHAMIR AND MR. PERES, THAT THEY ARE ANY CLOSER TOGETHER, OR JUST AS FAR APART AS YOU KNEW THEM TO BE BEFORE YOU CAME?

A: I'M NOT GOING TO COMMENT ON THEIR DIFFERENCES, ALTHOUGH I WOULD SAY FROM MY CONVERSATIONS THAT MANY OF THE THINGS THEY SAY ABOUT THEIR OBJECTIVES ARE PARALLEL. AND I THINK THERE ARE QUESTIONS OF A JUDGEMENT IN ASSESSING THE PROSPECTIVENESS OF SOME COURSE OF ACTION, OR THE RISKS OF SOME COURSE ACTION. BUT AS FAR AS THE DESIRE TO FIND A  
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WAY TO PEACE, AS FAR AS THE RECOGNITION THAT SOMEHOW WE HAVE TO FIND OUR WAY TO BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONCERNED AND MANY OTHER THINGS, THERE'S PERHAPS MORE UNITY IN THE UNITY GOVERNMENT THAN PEOPLE GIVE IT CREDIT FOR.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, YOU'RE BEING ASKED HERE TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO DELIVER TO THE SOVIETS REQUESTS FROM ISRAEL FOR DIRECT FLIGHTS FOR SOVIET JEWS TO ISRAEL, AND AS I UNDERSTAND IT

FOR A BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND ISRAEL CONCERNING REPATRIATION OF SOVIET JEWS. WHAT'S THE AMERICAN VIEW ON THOSE REQUESTS AND OTHER REQUESTS THAT MIGHT TEND TO HAVE THE EFFECT OF REDUCING THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THOSE SOVIET JEWS WHO ARE ALLOWED TO EMIGRATE?

A: WELL OF COURSE IF IT TURNS OUT TO BE POSSIBLE FOR ISRAEL AND THE SOVIET UNION TO MAKE A BILATERAL AGREEMENT, AND THROUGH THAT AGREEMENT TO BRING ABOUT THE EMIGRATION AND RPATRIATION OF MORE JEWS WHO WISH TO LEAVE THE SOVIET UNION, I THINK THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL. NOW, I DO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, I SAY THIS AS A KIND OF LIBERTARIAN, THAT INDIVIDUALS HAVE FREEDOM OF CHOICE. SO I WILL ALWAYS STAND FOR THAT PRINCIPAL. BUT IF SOMEBODY SAYS THAT THAT PERSON WANTS TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL, THEN THAT'S FINE, THAT'S A CHOICE, LET THEM MAKE IT. I BELIEVE THERE WAS A GREAT MESSAGE ALSO--I FELT, FROM IDA NUDEL--A PERSON WHO HAD NEVER BEFORE BEEN IN

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ISRAEL. AND WHEN SHE WAS GENEROUS ENOUGH TO  
CALL ME UP WHEN SHE GOT HERE THE OTHER DAY.  
I WAS IN WASHINGTON, AS I REPORTED, AND WHAT  
SHE SAID WAS "I'M HOME" SO I THINK THERE IS  
A DEEP MESSAGE IN THOSE TWO PROFOUND WORDS  
FROM THIS MOST IMPRESSIVE LADY.

Q: MARY CURTIS, BOSTON GLOBE. I JUST WANTED  
TO FOLLOW UP ON MR. MELMAN'S QUESTION. DO  
YOU THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA AT THIS  
POINT IN TIME FOR PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR AND  
KING HUSSEIN TO MEET? AND WOULD YOU WANT TO  
PUT THAT FORWARD AS A PROPOSAL WHEN YOU MEET  
WITH THE KING?



A: IF YOU SAY THAT YOU BELIEVE AS I DO, THAT IN THE END THE WAY TO SETTLE THESE QUESTIONS . IS THROUGH BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, THEN THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO ARRANGE--IS A WAY TO MEET AND TO COME TO GRIPS DIRECTLY WITH THESE PROBLEMS. AND IN A SENSE, THAT IS THE QUESTION, HOW DO YOU ARRANGE THE SCENERY SO THAT SUCH A NEGOTIATION IS POSSIBLE? AND WE ALL REALIZE THAT THERE ARE IMPEDIMENTS. SO YOU TRY TO DEAL WITH THOSE IMPEDIMENTS, AND IN A WAY, AS YOU DISCUSS THE PEACE PROCESS, OR AS I DO, YOU KIND OF RATCHET BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN DISCUSSIONS OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, AND DISCUSSIONS OF PROCEDURAL ISSUES  
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AND TRY TO FIND SOME COMBINATION THAT WILL WORK. WE HAVEN'T FOUND IT, BUT WE KEEP INCHING ALONG AT IT. AND THAT'S WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, DAOUD KOUTAB FROM EAST JERUSALEM. YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, BUT SINCE YOU'VE MADE THIS PHRASE, THE DEFENSE MINISTER RABIN HAS IMPOSED DEPORTATIONS, ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTIONS, AND TOWN ARRESTS. WE ALSO HAVE THE PROBLEM OF PALESTINIAN FAMILY REUNIFICATION. CAN YOU COMMENT ON THESE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS?

A: OF COURSE THERE ARE PROBLEMS, AS WELL AS ADVANCES, AND WE DISCUSSED THE PROBLEMS. WE HAVE A VERY GOOD, STRONG DIALOGUE WITH ISRAEL ABOUT THEM, AND I THINK THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER THAT HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED IN A SATISFACTORY WAY. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN POSITIVE THINGS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE, THAT SEEM TO BE WORKING, SUCH AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ARAB BANK. IT'S NOW ACCUMULATING MORE BRANCHES, DEPOSITS ARE COMING IN AND FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE POPULATION, IT'S THEIR BANK SO TO SPEAK, AND IT'S WORKING, AND THERE ARE OTHER EXAMPLES. SO, THERE ARE PROBLEMS AND THERE ARE ADVANCES AND SO YOU HAVE TO WORK TO TRY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS AND THINK OF NEW THINGS TO DO THAT WILL MOVE MATTERS ALONG.

AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING. AND WE HAVE A  
VERY GOOD DIALOGUE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF  
ISRAEL ON THIS MATTER, AMBASSADOR PICKERING

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DOES, AND I MIGHT SAY IT'S SOURCE OF SOME SATISFACTION. AND I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE SOME PRIDE IN THE UNITED STATES AT THE QUALITY OF OUR AMBASSADOR HERE AND I SAY THAT BECAUSE WHEREVER I GO, PEOPLE SORT OF CASUALLY SEEM TO QUIETLY LET ME KNOW, "GEE YOU SURE GOT A CAPABLE AMBASSADOR HERE." AND I MIGHT SAY WE'LL WELCOME THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON. WE'RE WELL REPRESENTED IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

QUESTION: BUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, YOU DIDN'T ADDRESS, SIR.

A: WELL, I THOUGHT I DID. I SAID THAT WE HAVE A STRONG DIALOGUE, WE DISCUSS ALL THESE PROBLEMS AND SO, ON THE ONE HAND, YOU DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS, WHERE THERE ARE GENUINE PROBLEMS AND YOU TRY TO WORK IN A POSITIVE WAY. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE DOING.

Q: MR. SECRETARY: IT IS NOW THREE MONTHS SINCE...

A: I'M TOLD THAT THE ONLY WAY TO TAKE CONTROL OF PRESS CONFERENCES, IS TO POINT TO PEOPLE. I GOT THAT INFORMATION IN WASHINGTON.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, DON OBERDORFER OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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WASHINGTON POST. BEFORE YOU CAME YOUR AIDS IN WASHINGTON AND PRACTICALLY ALL THE ISRAELI PAPERS SINCE YOU'VE BEEN HERE HAVE TALKED NEW IDEAS BEING DISCUSSED AND GENERATED. IN YOUR SPEECH TODAY AT THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE, YOU SAID, "THOSE WHO ARE RELUCTANT TO EXPLORE NEW IDEAS OR EVEN REVISIT OLD ONES HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO OFFER SOMETHING DIFFERENT AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE STATUS QUO." IS THIS A DESCRIPTION OF THE KIND OF REACTION THAT THERE'S BEEN TO SOME IDEAS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN PROPOSING, OR COULD YOU EXPLAIN A LITTLE BIT MORE OF WHAT YOU HAD IN MIND WHEN YOU SAID THAT?

A: NO, IT'S NOT A DESCRIPTION OF WHAT I'VE  
RUN INTO HERE AT ALL. QUITE TO THE  
CONTRARY. I FIND AN EAGERNESS TO DISCUSS THE  
PEACE PROCESS ON ALL SIDES. IT'S REALLY VERY  
MUCH AKIN TO SOMETHING I SAID EARLIER IN  
WASHINGTON, IN ONE OF MY TALKS, I FORGET  
WHICH ONE, ADDRESSING THIS SUBJECT. AND IT'S  
JUST BY WAY OF SAYING THAT I THINK ALL OF US  
WHO HAVE SOME RESPONSIBILITIES HERE NEED TO  
KEEP THINKING AND WORKING AND EXAMINING NEW  
IDEAS, AND BEING WILLING TO TAKE A LOOK AT  
THE OLD ONES AGAIN. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT  
WE COME UP WITH A CONCLUSION THAT MAYBE WHAT  
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT DOESN'T WORK, TO DIG IN  
AND TRY TO THINK OF SOME OTHER WAYS. BECAUSE  
I THINK THAT JUST DRIFTING IS NOT GOOD - THAT  
IS ALSO A COURSE OF ACTION, AND IT ALSO HAS  
ITS RISKS, AND ITS PROBLEMS. SO DOING  
NOTHING IS NOT AN EMPTY COURSE OF ACTION; IT

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HAS CONSEQUENCES TOO. SO I WAS JUST SORT OF  
EXHORTING, MYSELF AND EVERYBODY ELSE, TO KEEP  
WORKING AT IT. WHICH IS WHAT WE'VE BEEN  
DOING. AND I HAVE FOUND GREAT RECEPTIVITY TO  
THAT EFFORT.

Q: JOHN BRODER FROM THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE. I'D  
LIKE TO ASK A QUESTION ABOUT THE GULF, IF I  
MAY.

A: I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING NEW TO SAY  
FROM YESTERDAY. I JUST CHECKED IN BRIEFLY.  
I'VE BEEN BUSY ALL DAY, AND I FOUND THAT  
THERE'S NOTHING IN PARTICULAR TO ADD.

Q: WELL, IN THE EVENT OF A MAJOR IRANIAN  
BREAKTHROUGH AGAINST THE IRAQIS ON THE LAND  
WAR AGAINST IRAQ, WOULD THE UNITED STATES

CONSIDER THAT ENOUGH OF A THREAT OR A POTENTIAL THREAT TO ITS INTERESTS IN THE GULF, TO MAKE A CLAR COMMITMENT TO THE ARAB GULF STATES THAT IT WILL NOT ALLOW IRAN TO WIN THE WAR, AND THAT IT WILL DEFEND ARAB GULF STATES AGAINST AGGRESSION?

A: I DON'T SEE THAT THERE'S ANY PROSPECT OF THAT, AND PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF THAT FACT AND ALL THE DANGERS INVOLVED IN IFFY QUESTIONS, I'LL PASS.  
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Q: PALESTINE PRESS SERVICE: I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR AN EXPLANATION FROM YOU SIR, ABOUT THIS SORT OF CONTRADICTION IN STATEMENTS WHEN A JEW IN THE SOVIET UNION IS DENIED DEPARTURE

A: SPEAK A LITTLE SLOWLY BECAUSE I AM NOT UNDERSTANDING YOU.

Q: OKAY, I AM ASKING IF POSSIBLE FOR AN EXPLANATION ON THIS SORT OF CONTRADICTION IN STATEMENTS WHEN A JEW IN THE SOVIET UNION IS DENIED DEPARTURE, YOU CALL IT A HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION. WHEN A WHOLE NATION IS SUPPRESSED UNDER OCCUPATION, YOU CALL IT JUST PROBLEMS, BUT YOU ARE HAVING DIALOGUE WITH ISRAELI AUTHORITIES.

A: WELL, I DON'T KNOW OF ANY LIMITATIONS ON EMIGRATION. THERE ARE PROBLEMS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. WE KNOW THAT. AND AS ISSUES ARISE, SOME THAT FALL UNDER THE CATEGORY OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND OTHER ISSUES AS WELL, WE DISCUSS THEM WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL. AT THE SAME TIME, I AM VERY GLAD TO BE ABLE TO SAY, THAT THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN DONE--AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THEM RECENTLY--THAT ARE DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE GENERAL QUALITY OF LIFE, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO TAKE PART IN GOVERNING YOURSELF TO A GREATER EXTENT, AND THINGS OF THAT KIND. SO THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS THAT WE DO SPEAK ABOUT PROBLEMS WHEREVER THEY OCCUR. THAT IS THE GENERAL POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES, AND MY GENERAL POLICY. BUT IF YOU

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ARE INFERRING THAT WHAT'S THE CASE IN THE WEST BANK AND WHAT'S THE CASE IN THE SOVIET UNION ARE SIMILAR, I CERTAINLY DON'T AGREE WITH THAT AT ALL.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, DAVID BEDEIN, ISRAEL RESOURCE NETWORK IN EFRAT, A NEW JEWISH SUBURB OF BETHLEHEM. IT IS NOW THREE MONTHS SINCE MEIR KAHANE HAS BEEN SWORN IN THE ISRAELI KNESSET. IS THE U.S. HESITANCY TO STRIP KAHANE OF HIS CITIZENSHIP IN ANY WAY CONNECTED TO KAHANE'S PAST HISTORY OF EMPLOYMENT BY U.S. INTELLIGENCE?

A: NO.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, RAFI MANN, MAARIV. COULD YOU TELL US PLEASE, IN WHAT WAYS CAN THE U.S. ASSIST MINIMIZING THE RISKS INVOLVED IN AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE AT LEAST AS IT IS SEEN BY PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR? FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD YOU CONSIDER SOME KIND OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS PRIOR TO SUCH A CONFERENCE?

A: AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, AS SUCH, FOR ITS OWN SAKE, DOESN'T HAVE ANY PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES. WE DON'T THINK THAT THAT AS AN OBJECTIVE IS THE WAY TO UNCLASSIFIED

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ACHIEVE SOMETHING. WE THINK THE WAY TO

ACHIEVE SOMETHING IS THROUGH DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER OR NOT SOME SORT OF INTERNATIONAL UMBRELLA, AUSPICES, CONFERENCE OR CALL IT WHAT YOU WILL, CAN BE CONSTRUCTED THAT WILL MAKE IT EASIER TO BRING ABOUT THOSE DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS. AS YOU TRY TO DO THAT, YOU SEE THAT THERE ARE PROBLEMS OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER--THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT--CONNECTED WITH ANY SUCH A GATHERING. SO YOU SCRATCH YOUR HEAD, AND ASK YOURSELF HOW CAN YOU DEAL WITH THESE VARIOUS PROBLEMS, AND TRY TO EXPLORE JUST WHAT THEY ARE. WE HAVE DONE THAT IN THE PAST, AND WE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR OTHER POSSIBLE WAYS OF BRINGING ABOUT THE

RESULT WE SEEK. I MIGHT SAY THE RESULT IS  
NOT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ANY MORE THAN IT  
IS AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. THE RESULT  
WE SEEK IS PEACE. THAT'S THE OBJECT. SO WE  
KEEP STRUGGLING AWAY AT IT.

MR. REDMAN: THANK YOU.

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