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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL DINNER

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Been Israel 5 times

Nation Building

L THE WORK OF THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL IS NATION BUILDING. ITS

EFFORTS HAVE MEANT THE CREATION OF A FLOURISHING HAVEN FOR A
PEOPLE ESCAPING PERSECUTION.

L THIS MONTH WE CELEBRATE THE 27th Anniversary 27th Anniversary OF INDEPENDENCE

FOR ISRAEL.

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO RECOGNIZE WHAT ISRAEL MEANS TO AMERICA

-- WHAT ISRAEL MEANS TO PEOPLE WHO LOVE FREEDOM AND RESPECT HUMAN
DIGNITY.

28th year
AS IT BEGINS ITS 28th year, ISRAEL FACES SEVERE PROBLEMS:

-- DIPLOMATIC ISOLATION — U.N. - UNESCO

-- HOSTILE NEIGHBORS — 4 wars

-- THE CONTINUING OBLIGATION TO HELP THE JEWS OF THE

SOVIET UNION.

Israel - Vietnam (Differences) our 10/10 -
-2- 16/10/1964

L THERE IS MUCH TALK TODAY IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES AND IN THE
PRESS ABOUT AMERICAN OBLIGATIONS. L I DO NOT TAKE THE WORD

"OBLIGATION" LIGHTLY. TO ME, IT IS A BINDING COMMITMENT. AND

Strong Israel
MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, THE UNITED STATES HAS A SOLEMN COMMIT-

MENT AND OBLIGATION L TO A STRONG AND SECURE ISRAEL IN A PEACEFUL

MIDDLE EAST. THE TWO ARE NOT INCONSISTENT AS SOME WOULD HAVE US

BELIEVE. L IN FACT, A WEAK ISRAEL MEANS THAT ITS NEIGHBORS MAY BE

WILLING TO UNDERMINE THE PEACE OF THE REGION.

Reappraisal
WHAT DOES THIS "REAPPRAISAL" OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IN

THE MIDDLE EAST MEAN? I AM NOT SURE. BUT I CAN TELL YOU WHAT IT

CANNOT MEAN.

L REAPPRAISAL CANNOT MEAN ANY LESSENING OF AMERICAN SUPPORT

FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

*→ Palestinian issue ingredients for peace
but not
Accepted*

(1) non Belligerency. -
(2) Guarantees
(3) Secure & Defensible Borders -

REAPPRAISAL CANNOT MEAN THAT WE WILL ENTER INTO ANY
AGREEMENT OR NEGOTIATION WHICH WILL ENDANGER THE BASIC SECURITY
OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

REAPPRAISAL CANNOT MEAN THAT IN OUR SEARCH FOR PEACE WE
FORGET THAT A ~~lasting~~ *lasting* PEACE CANNOT BE HAD WITHOUT THE RECOGNITION
OF ISRAEL AS A SOVEREIGN NATION BY ITS NEIGHBORS

WE MUST KEEP ALIVE THE STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH BEGUN BY
SECRETARY KISSINGER. HIS LACK OF SUCCESS ON THE SECOND ROUND
DOES NOT MEAN THAT OUR EFFORTS AT MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATION SHOULD
COME TO AN END.

I DON'T BELIEVE THAT INCREASING ISRAEL'S ALREADY GROWING
INSECURITY IS GOING TO MAKE THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION ANY EASIER.

(Pressure on Israel)

L ISRAEL NEEDS TO KNOW THAT THIS NATION STRONGLY SUPPORTS IT, IF IT

IS GOING TO MAKE A CONCESSION FOR PEACE. L THE EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS

MUST KNOW OF OUR RESOLVE IF THEY ARE TO TAKE MEANINGFUL STEPS

TOWARD PEACE. L OUR POLICY SHOULD BE ONE OF ASSURANCE -- NOT

INCREASING AN ALLY'S INSECURITY BY REAPPRAISALS.

L I AM MAKING SURE THAT THE CONGRESS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THIS

original REAPPRAISAL. I HAVE SPOKEN TO BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY

OF STATE ABOUT THIS CRITICAL ISSUE.

L AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY MUST REMAIN DEDICATED TO THE

SUPPORT OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS. ISRAEL IS A SMALL, BUT GREAT

DEMOCRACY.

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