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August 5, 1992

Dear Mr. Speaker:

We urge your support for the Freedom Support Act. For much of this century, the peoples of Europe and Eurasia have suffered under the tyranny of Communism. Throughout those years, America has nurtured their desire for freedom, their thirst for individual liberties, and their will to become democracies.

Our successive administrations -- and our allies -- have been united in the struggle against Communism. Our unity has proven the wisdom and strength of our democratic system and provided a stunning victory for freedom.

We now have the opportunity, so fervently pursued for generations, to guarantee a peaceful transition to democracy. America must respond to this challenge, as we have so many times before, through leadership of an international coalition to secure the success of reform in Russia and the other states of the former Soviet Union.

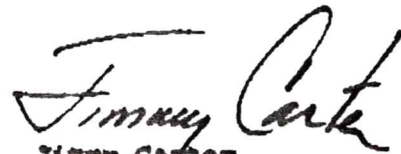
The stakes could not be higher. If we fail to seize this historic opportunity now, authoritarianism could return in Moscow and elsewhere, the anticipated peace dividend could evaporate, future markets and jobs for Americans could be lost, and nuclear weapons may again threaten the lives of our children.

This may be the most important vote you cast. Aid to Russia, Ukraine, Armenia and the other states of the former Soviet Union is an investment in peace and prosperity for the American people.

Sincerely,


Ronald Reagan


Gerald R. Ford


Jimmy Carter


Richard M. Nixon



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Date: 8/30/90

Please deliver the following document

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Attn: General Brent Scowcroft

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Fax # 456-2397

FROM: Jimmy Carter

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cc: Gen
Scowcroft
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To: The Editors of the NEW YORK TIMES
From: Jimmy Carter
Date: March 28, 1990

I request that this be published with the same prominence as given to the editorials:

Since returning recently from an extensive trip through the Middle East, I have been disturbed by highly biased attacks on both me and President George Bush in editorials by Abe Rosenthal and William Safire.

Mr. Rosenthal insinuated (or stated) that I was a liar by commenting publicly on human rights abuses by the Israeli governing authorities in the West Bank and Gaza while not simultaneously making similar public criticisms of Syria. Mr. Safire wrote that President Bush, Secretary of State Baker, and their top associates are anti-Israel, have shut their eyes to Arab terrorism, are acting to prevent Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, attempt to cut aid to Israel, want to impose a PLO state in the occupied territories, support a divided Jerusalem, and are contributing to a possible pogrom or "death process" for Jews being retained in the Soviet Union.

In my travels I invariably address known human rights abuse in every country, almost always directly with the nation's leader. I did this forcefully in both Egypt and Syria before arriving in Israel. The particular problem which aroused my comments in Jerusalem, both to top government leaders and to the press, was a recent Israeli policy of deporting to Jordan the

cannot prove birth or residence in the area since it was occupied by Israeli military forces in 1967. There were 251 documented cases of this type. I gave the names of those about whom I knew personally to Prime Minister Shamir, and later discussed this issue with Shmuel Goren, who is in charge of civilian administration in the occupied territories. No one denied the accuracy of these reports. Mr. Goren informed me that they were changing this policy. At my urging, he stated further that the mothers and children already deported would be permitted to return home and rejoin their husbands and fathers. Within two hours I announced this positive decision at a press conference in the Tel Aviv airport. What would you have me do differently? What would your editors' policy be if an Arab leader was taking Jewish mothers and children away from their homes and husbands and forceably deporting them to a foreign country? Palestinians are human also, and their rights must be defended.

I am not authorized to speak for President Bush, but I was given a thorough briefing on his policies before my trip and later met with him, the Secretary of State, and the National Security Adviser after my return to give them a personal report. None of Mr. Safire's accusations are true. The President's budget proposal continues the allocation of approximately \$10 million daily in aid to Israel, and he certainly does not support Arab terrorism, imposing a PLO state on the West Bank and Jerusalem, or obstructing Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union. Additionally, Safire stated that President Bush is the only president who threatened to cut aid to Israel and affirms a

statement by Yasir Arafat that this is the first administration that speaks of the end of the Israeli occupation. As a matter of historical record, President Richard Nixon used full economic persuasion to halt the Israeli military advance toward Cairo in 1973. Also, I notified Prime Minister Menachim Begin in 1978 that unless the ongoing Israeli invasion of Lebanon was stopped I would notify the U.S. Congress that American weapons were being used for offensive purposes, which would have terminated all military assistance from our country. The invasion stopped, and the forces were soon withdrawn. Furthermore, I worked assiduously to bring about an end of the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. In fact, this requirement is written into the Camp David accords, both in an affirmation of compliance with U.N. Resolution 242 and the words "the Israeli military government and its civilian administration will be withdrawn as soon as a self-governing authority has been freely elected by the inhabitants of those areas..." It is well known that this agreement was signed by Prime Minister Begin and later ratified by the Israeli Knesset.

I know for a fact that President Bush and Secretary Baker are fully committed to bring a just peace to the Middle East and to help in guaranteeing the security of Israel. Also, no one can deny my friendship and support for a peaceful and secure Israel or the persistent and successful effort I made to seek the freedom of Soviet Jews. The Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty and the 51,000 "refuseniks" who gained their freedom in 1979 alone are at least partial proof of the preceding statement. I did not

seek these goals to gain the approval of N.Y. TIMES editors, but out of deep conviction that I was defending the interests of my country and upholding its basic principles. At the same time, it is incumbent on you and other Americans to realize that U.S. leaders must be objective and fair as we work for peace and the enhancement of human rights even if, on occasion, such actions might displease a friendly nation like Israel or its impassioned supporters in this country.

copy to: President Bush, Secretary Baker

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

1. Scowcroft
2. Floren

March 27, 1990

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

RICHARD N. HAASS 

SUBJECT:

The President's Meeting with Former President
Jimmy Carter, March 27, 1990

Attached at Tab I is the memo to the President for his meeting with former President Jimmy Carter on Tuesday, March 27, 1990, at 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. At Tab C is his letter to the President.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to the President at Tab I.

Attachment

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Points to be Made/4X6 Cards
Tab B Participants List
Tab C Letter to the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH
FORMER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER

DATE: March 27, 1990
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

I. PURPOSE

To discuss the Middle East and Carter's recent trip to the region, and to talk about possible implications for policy.

II. BACKGROUND

Former President Carter has just come back from a trip to the Middle East where he stopped in Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Israel. Many of his impressions come close to our own thinking. This said, Carter's view of Assad's willingness to play a more helpful role as regards the peace process and terrorism is somewhat more positive than the evidence would suggest is warranted. Also, the former President has a good deal to say about the human rights of Christians in Israel and Palestinians in the Occupied Territories. What is largely absent from his letter are policy prescriptions.

III. PARTICIPANTS

See Tab B.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open photo, writing pool.

V. SEQUENCE

Photo-op followed by meeting.

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Tab A Points to be Made
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POINTS TO BE MADE FOR MEETING WITH
FORMER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER

- Thanks very much for your letter and for coming in today.
It sounds as though you had quite a trip.
- I was especially interested in your assessment of Assad. We have communicated with him, and will consider the utility of some higher level contacts. The idea of placing greater emphasis on the Golan, either as a complement to what we are doing or as an alternative if we fail, is also worth exploring.
- We continue to have real problems with Assad's support for terrorism, though. He allows the Japanese Red Army and the Abu Nidal Organization to operate out of Syria-controlled Lebanon, and he refuses to act against the PFLP-GC even though all evidence points to their central role in Pan Am 103.
- I would be interested in some of your thinking about what we might do in the area. For example, to stop Israeli settlement in East Jerusalem? on the hostages? on the peace process? to improve human rights?

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PARTICIPANTS

The President

James A. Baker, Secretary of State

John H. Sununu, Chief of Staff

Brent Scowcroft,

Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

Robert M. Gates,

Assistant to the President and Deputy for National Security
Affairs

John Kelly, Assistant Secretary of State

Richard N. Haass,

Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for
Near East and South Asian Affairs

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Patty- put on my desk Monday AM. I will hand to
Brent

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 3-24-90

FROM THE PRESIDENT

To: Brent

This is very personal and it would be very embarrassing to me if word of this letter and its substance got out.

There are some very interesting observations here, particularly about Assad.

Please pluck from this letter his comments on terrorism and have the policy guys take a look... maybe this was all reported by others but I'm not sure our ambassador in Damascus went along.

In any event - "food for thought"...

GB

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