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TAGS: SOPN
SUBJECT: BACKGROUNDER ON PRESIDENT'S
ADDRESS ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE, SEPTEMBER 1, 1982

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF A BACK-
GROUNDER ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S ADDRESS CONCERNING MIDDLE
EAST PEACE, DELIVERED SEPTEMBER 1, 1982. THE BACKGROUNDER
WAS HELD IN THE LOY HENDERSON CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE STATE
DEPARTMENT FOR ACCREDITED JOURNALISTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL: I'D LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THE
PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS IN MIND IN THIS
SPEECH.

THE FIRST IS PEACE, PEACE EVERYWHERE, BUT PEACE ESPECIALLY
IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHERE WE HAVE HAD SO MUCH CONFLICT
HISTORICALLY AND ESPECIALLY RECENTLY IN LEOANON. WE HAVE
A LESSON BEFORE US OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE PEACE PROCESS
BREAKS DOWN. SO, NUMBER ONE: PEACE.

NUMBER 2, AND OF EXTRAORDINARY IMPORTANCE TO ALL OF US --
THE PRESIDENT PARTICULARLY - IS THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL.

ANYONE CAN LOOK AT THE MAP AND, IF YOU'VE BEEN THERE, YOU
KNOW THAT ISRAEL, WHILE A COUNTRY RICH IN ITS HUMAN RE-
SOURCEs AND ITS CAPABILITIES, IS VERY SMALL IN ITS GEOGRA-
PHY. IT'S EASY TO SEE HOW PEOPLE LIVING IN SUCH A SMALL
PLACE WOULD BE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED FOR THEIR SECURITY.-
THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL MUST BE CENTRAL IN OUR CONSIDERA-
TIONS.

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THIRD, CONSISTENT WITH THAT AND CONTRIBUTING TO THAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF DEALING PROPERLY AND JUSTLY WITH THE NEEDS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. AND IF THAT CAN BE DONE AND A SERIES OF AGREEMENTS OR TREATIES WITH ISRAEL'S NEIGHBORS WORKED OUT SO THAT CONDITIONS OF PEACE IN ISRAEL'S NEIGHBORHOOD CAN PREVAIL, THEN I THINK YOU HAVE THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT FOR GENUINE AND LONGER LASTING SECURITY.

ALL OF THESE POINTS ARE VERY MUCH AT THE FRONT OF THE PRESIDENT'S MIND AS HE CALLS IN HIS SPEECH FOR A FRESH START IN WHAT IS CLEARLY AN OLD PROCESS AND A DIFFICULT PROCESS, BUT HE HAS FELT THAT AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME IT'S ESSENTIAL TO ONCE AGAIN TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND MOVE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, FOR SECURITY FOR ISRAEL, AND FOR THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

I'LL BE GLAD TO HAVE QUESTIONS.

Q. SIR, I WONDER IF YOU CAN TELL US WHAT THE NEXT STEP IN THE PEACE PROCESS WILL BE? WE'VE LAID OUT OUR IDEAS HERE. THE ISRAELIS HAVE ALREADY REACTED NEGATIVELY, SAYING THEY APPARENTLY DEVIATE FROM THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS.

HOW DO WE PLAN TO GET THE VARIOUS PARTIES TO SIT DOWN AND NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY ON THESE IDEAS?

A. FIRST OF ALL, IT'S PUTTING THE IDEAS FORWARD SO THAT THEY ARE AVAILABLE AND PRESENT IN PEOPLE'S MINDS,

JUST WHAT THE REACTION OF THE PARTIES IS GOING TO BE REMAINS TO BE SEEN. WE CALL UPON THEM TO STUDY THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS AND LISTEN TO HIS SPEECH AND THINK ABOUT IT CAREFULLY BECAUSE THEY, AS WE, HAVE AS HUGE A STAKE IN A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME HERE.

SO WE CALL UPON THEM TO DO THAT, AND AS THEY DO AND AS WE ARE ABLE TO EXPLAIN WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND AND LISTEN TO THEM, WE HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE MORE PLAYERS AT THE BARGAINING TABLE AND THAT THAT WILL ENABLE US TO HAVE A PEACE PROCESS THAT MOVES FORWARD.

Q. FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS USUALLY THE KEY PLAYER IN THIS HAS BEEN REGARDED AS KING HUSSEIN, AND HE HAS SAID REPEATEDLY, MOST RECENTLY LAST SUNDAY, THAT HE IS MORE OR LESS WAITING TO BE ASKED TO RESUME AUTHORITY OR CONTROL OR

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TO ACT AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE PALESTINIANS IN THE WEST BANK,
DO YOU HAVE ANY MECHANISM THAT WOULD BRING KING HUSSEIN
BACK INTO THIS PROCESS?

A. I THINK THAT IN PRESENTING THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS
AND DEVELOPING THEM, THE PRESIDENT HAS HAD VERY MUCH IN
MIND THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING CLEAR STATEMENTS ABOUT HIS
ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. IN TRANSMITTING
HIS PROPOSALS TO KING HUSSEIN HE HAS EMPHASIZED HIS CON-
VICTION AND HIS HOPE THAT KING HUSSEIN WILL SEE IN THESE
PROPOSALS A SERIOUS AND IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD REALLY HELP-
ING WITH THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEMS. THAT MAY INDUCE KING
HUSSEIN TO ENTER THE PROCESS. THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN.
KING HUSSEIN HAS NOT MADE ANY SUCH COMMITMENT.

Q. BUT NO MORE SPECIFIC PLAN, SUCH AS HAVING A PLEBISCITE
OF THE WEST BANK SO AS TO FIND OUT WHETHER THEY WANT
HUSSEIN TO REPRESENT THEM?

A. THE PRESIDENT HAS PUT INTO HIS SPEECH THE ESSENCE OF
WHAT HE FEELS IT IMPORTANT TO PUT FORWARD AT THIS TIME.
OBVIOUSLY, WHAT IS INVOLVED HERE IS A NEGOTIATION, AND A
NEGOTIATION IS ALWAYS IN INTERPLAY BETWEEN SUBSTANCE AND
PROCESS. SO THERE'S AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF SUBSTANCE PUT
FORWARD IN TERMS OF UNITED STATES POSITIONS, AND WE'LL SEE
WHAT KIND OF PROCESS THAT CAN LEAD TO.

Q. IN THE PARAGRAPH ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL
AND JORDAN THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS IN HIS SPEECH HERE, HE
SAYS "IT'S A FIRM VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES THAT SELF
GOVERNMENT BY THE PALESTINIANS IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA
IN ASSOCIATION WITH JORDAN OFFERS THE BEST CHANCE FOR A
DURABLE, JUST AND LASTING PEACE."

CAN YOU SAY WITH ANY MORE SPECIFICITY WHAT KIND OF AN
ASSOCIATION YOU ENVISAGE THERE?

A. I THINK THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF POSSIBILITIES, AND I
WOULD LEAVE IT TO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS TO WORK ON THEM.
IT'S MY OBSERVATION IN NEGOTIATIONS THAT ONCE PEOPLE GET
TO THE POINT WHERE THEY THINK SOMETHING IS DOABLE AND VERY
MUCH IN THEIR INTERESTS, THEN THE INGENUITY AT DEVELOPING
WAY OF IMPLEMENTING THE OBJECTIVES INVOLVED IS VERY
IMPRESSIVE. SO I THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFERENT WAYS

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IN WHICH THAT COULD HAPPEN, AND I THINK THE PRESIDENT IS LAYING OUT HERE, ON THE ONE HAND, THE THINGS THAT WE WILL NOT SUPPORT, AND THEN GIVES AN EXAMPLE OF SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD SUPPORT.

Q. SPECIFICALLY, DO YOU ENVISION THAT THE WEST BANK WOULD BE A PART OF THE STATE OF JORDAN?

A. I THINK, FIRST OF ALL, WHEN YOU SAY "THE WEST BANK," WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WITH THAT, BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, WHAT GEOGRAPHIC PIECE OF TERRITORY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS; AND IN THOSE NEGOTIATIONS THE SECURITY NEEDS OF ISRAEL WILL NECESSARILY BE TAKEN HEAVILY INTO ACCOUNT. THE PRESIDENT NOTES THAT IN SAYING THAT THE NATURE OF WHAT IS AGREED TO WILL HEAVILY REFLECT THE WAY IN WHICH THESE SECURITY NEEDS ARE MET, SO WHEN YOU SAY "THE WEST BANK" PRESUMABLY THERE WILL BE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT APPROPRIATE BORDERS AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY IN THE END BE PERMANENT.

Q. ONE OF THE POINTS THAT'S MADE IN HERE IS THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE AND THEN IT GOES ON TO SAY, "WE WILL NOT SUPPORT ANNEXATION OR PERMANENT CONTROL BY ISRAEL."

DID ANYTHING THAT PASSED BETWEEN YOU AND DEFENSE MINISTER SHARON OR ANY OF THE ISRAELI OFFICIALS IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS INCREASE ANY ALARM OR FEELING THAT THERE MIGHT BE A MOVE TO ANNEX BY ISRAEL?

A. THE ANSWER IS THAT WE'RE NOT REFLECTING ANY PARTICULAR THING IN THAT STATEMENT, BUT RATHER AN OBSERVATION THAT HAS BEEN MADE BY MANY OBSERVERS; AND SO THE PRESIDENT IS SIMPLY STATING WHERE HE STANDS ON THAT ISSUE.

Q. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT PROCESS AS WELL AS SUBSTANCE.

DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS NOW TO TRAVEL ABROAD TO THE MIDEAST TO TRY TO INITIATE THIS NEW PROCESS OR PLAN TO APPOINT SOMEBODY TO REPRESENT THE PRESIDENT TO DO THIS?

A. I THINK THE FIRST THING HERE IS TO GET THESE PROPOSALS OUT AND GIVE PEOPLE TIME TO EXAMINE THEM. LET PEOPLE HAVE THEIR INITIAL REACTIONS, LET THEM THINK ABOUT IT SOME MORE. WE HAVE VERY ABLE AMBASSADORS WHO ARE ABLE TO SENSE THE

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QUESTIONS THAT ARE BEING RAISED AND PROVIDE ANSWERS.

I THINK IT'S CLEAR THAT THERE WILL COME A TIME -- AND I DON'T WANT TO LAY DOWN WHAT THAT MOMENT OF TIME WOULD BE -- WHEN PROBABLY I SHOULD TAKE A TRIP OUT TO THAT AREA.

I WANT TO DO IT AT A TIME WHEN IT IS PROPITIOUS AND IT'S GOING TO BE FRUITFUL AND WORTHWHILE.

IN THE MEANTIME, WE'VE HAD LOTS OF VISITORS HERE, OF COURSE, SO IT ISN'T AS THOUGH I HAVEN'T SEEN A GREAT MANY OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED.

AS TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE WOULD BE SOMEBODY IDENTIFIED ESPECIALLY TO WORK ON THIS, THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN, AND THAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE SOMETHING WE'LL DO.

Q. WHILE THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS VERY PLAINLY ON THE PROSPECTS OF FURTHER ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK, IS THERE ANY INDICATION AT ALL THAT ISRAEL IS WILLING TO ABANDON ITS POLICY IN THAT REGARD?

A. THERE HAVE BEEN VARIOUS POINTS IN TIME IN WHICH PEOPLE IN THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAVE SAID THAT THEY THINK THE SETTLEMENT PROCESS HAS GONE AS FAR AS IT NEEDS TO GO, BUT I WOULDN'T REGARD THERE TO BE ANY COMMITMENT AT THIS POINT.

THE PRESIDENT IS EXPRESSING HIS OPINION, AND I MUST SAY I SHARE IT, THAT THE CONTINUED EXPANSION OF SETTLEMENTS IS NOT A CONSTRUCTIVE ELEMENT IN THIS PROCESS BECAUSE IT OCCUPIES MORE AND MORE TERRITORY, AND THE EXPANSION OF SETTLEMENTS, I KNOW, IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAS LED MANY IN THE ARAB COMMUNITY TO FEEL THAT IN THE END ISRAEL WILL NOT GIVE UP ITS TERRITORY.

SO I THINK A STATEMENT FROM ISRAEL ON THE SETTLEMENTS WOULD BE A VERY POSITIVE MOVE IN THE WHOLE PROCESS.

Q. COULD THIS PROCESS THAT YOU VISUALIZED HERE GO FORWARD WHILE ISRAELI TROOPS ARE IN LEBANON?

A. YES. BUT WE EXPECT, AND WE HAVE CALLED FOR, THE WITHDRAWAL NOT ONLY OF ISRAELI TROOPS BUT SYRIAN TROOPS AND REMAINING PLO FORCES IN LEBANON.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ASSURANCES FROM THE EGYPTIANS, FOR EXAMPLE,

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THAT THEY WILL BEGIN TALKING ON THESE POINTS WITH THE ISRAELIS AS LONG AS ISRAELI TROOPS ARE IN LEBANON?

A. WE HAVE HAD OUR AMBASSADORS IN EACH OF THE FOUR COUNTRIES THAT HAVE BEEN VISITED EXPLICITLY HERE -- NAMELY,

ISRAEL, EGYPT, JORDAN AND SAUDI ARABIA -- PRESENT THESE PROPOSALS, AND WE'VE ASKED PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT THEM CAREFULLY. WE EXPECT TO HEAR FROM THE KEY PARTIES CONCERNED. WE HAVEN'T AS YET HEARD DIRECTLY FROM THEM.

Q. WHAT DO YOU EXPECT THE NEXT STEP TO BE?

A. WE EXPECT TO EXPLAIN OUR PROPOSALS HERE IN THIS COUNTRY SO THAT PEOPLE HERE HAVE A CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT THE PRESIDENT'S POSITION IS.

WE AWAIT REACTIONS FROM OTHERS, AND WE ARE READY TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE OR TAKE PART IN A MORE GENERAL NEGOTIATION WHEN THAT EMERGES WITH THE KEY PLAYERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

BEYOND THAT, I THINK WE HAVE TO SEE WHAT THE REACTIONS ARE, ESPECIALLY THE CONSIDERED REACTIONS, AFTER PEOPLE HAVE HEARD THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AND THOUGHT ABOUT IT CAREFULLY.

Q. CAN YOU GIVE US ANY ASSURANCE THAT THIS IS ANYTHING MORE THAN PIE-IN-THE-SKY HOPE, BECAUSE ACTUALLY YOU'RE ASKING THE ISRAELIS TO DO SOMETHING -- GIVE UP THE WEST BANK AND GAZA -- THAT THEY'VE SAID, FRANKLY, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO DO?

A. I THINK THAT THE PRINCIPAL MOTIVATING FORCE HERE FOR ALL THE PARTIES, AS I SEE IT, IS THE POSSIBILITY OF PEACE. PEACE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO EVERYONE ANY PLACE.

I THINK IT MUST BE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO THE PEOPLE IN THAT REGION AND ESPECIALLY JUST NOW AS THE DEVASTATION OF CONFLICT IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEM.

I THINK THAT'S THE PRINCIPAL THING THAT MAY VERY WELL MOTIVATE PEOPLE, AND THE PROSPECT OF -- IF IT MATERIALIZES -- ARAB INTEREST IN WORKING ON THIS ISSUE AND MAKING A SETTLEMENT WITH ISRAEL I SHOULD THINK IN THE END WOULD BE A VERY EXCITING POSSIBILITY IF INDEED THE ARAB COMMUNITY WILL COME FORWARD.

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Q IF I MAY FOLLOW UP ON THAT, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING SPECIFIC FROM ISRAEL TO INDICATE THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO CHANGE THEIR LONGSTANDING POSITION?

A WE HAVE PUT THIS BEFORE ISRAEL, AND WE AWAIT THEIR RESPONSE FROM PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AS YET.

Q THE PRESIDENT CALLS FOR BROADER PARTICIPATION IN THE PEACE PROCESS, MOST IMMEDIATELY BY JORDAN AND BY THE PALESTINIANS. WHICH PALESTINIANS WOULD BE FREE AND WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IMMEDIATELY, DO YOU SUPPOSE?

A FIRST OF ALL, THERE IS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER JORDAN CAN BE IN THE POSITION TO DO SOME REPRESENTING ITSELF. SECOND, THERE IS THE QUESTION OF PEOPLE WHO RESIDE ON THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. IN THIS RESPECT, I THINK --AS I'VE NOTED AND OTHERS HAVE NOTED MANY TIMES -- YOU HAVE TO HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE REGARDED BY THE PALESTINIANS THEMSELVES AS LEGITIMATE, JUST AS IN THE LABOR/MANAGEMENT SITUATION YOU CAN'T HAVE A MANAGEMENT THAT SAYS, "I'LL DEAL WITH THE UNION AFTER I'VE PICKED ITS LEADERS." YOU DON'T HAVE VERY MANY FOLLOWERS IN A UNION LIKE THAT. BY THE SAME TOKEN, IF WE ARE TO HAVE REPRESENTATION FROM THE WEST BANK AND GAZA, THERE HAVE TO BE LEADERS THERE THAT HAVE BEEN PICKED BY THE PEOPLE THERE.

I'M NOT CALLING HERE FOR SOME IMMEDIATE PLEBISCITE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, BUT I AM SURE THERE WILL BE A TIME WHEN THAT KIND OF DESIGNATION IS APPROPRIATE,

Q IN THE PARAGRAPH ABOUT SETTLEMENTS, YOU SAY, "THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT SUPPORT THE USE OF ANY ADDITIONAL LAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF SETTLEMENTS DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD." OF COURSE, THAT DOESN'T BEGIN UNTIL THE SORT OF ELECTION THAT'S TALKED ABOUT IN THE PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH. DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NOT CONTEMPLATING TAKING ANY SUBSTANTIAL STEPS CONCERNING CURRENT SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY?

A THE PRESIDENT'S POSITION IN THE SPEECH IS TO CALL FOR A FREEZE ON THE SETTLEMENTS, NOT THEIR DISMANTLEMENT; AND THAT MEANS THAT YOU DON'T EXTEND THE SETTLEMENTS INTO ADDITIONAL TERRITORY OR ESTABLISH NEW ONES.

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A AS OF NOW.

Q A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, PLEASE: TO WHAT DEGREE ARE THE AMERICAN POSITIONS AS OUTLINED HERE FLEXIBLE? SECONDLY, DOES THE ADMINISTRATION CONTEMPLATE THE USE OF ITS ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID PROGRAMS TO THESE COUNTRIES AS A FORM OF LEVERAGE TO ENCOURAGE THE PROCESS?

A WELL, AS FAR AS THE FLEXIBILITY IS CONCERNED, THE PRESIDENT HAS SET OUT WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL "GUIDING PRINCIPLES," AND HE DOESN'T INTEND TO CHANGE THEM. OBVIOUSLY, THEY ARE STATEMENTS OF WHAT THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES, WHAT THE PRESIDENT BELIEVES; AND OTHER PARTIES MAY VERY WELL TAKE OTHER POSITIONS. IN THE PROCESS OF DISCUSSION AND NEGOTIATIONS, WE WILL HAVE TO SEE WHAT COMES OUT OF THAT. BUT THE PRESIDENT FELT THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO GIVE PEOPLE SOME IDEA OF WHERE WE ARE GOING IN OUR THINKING, AND WHAT HE THINKS. SO HE FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO SAY TO THE PALESTINIANS AND THE ARAB COUNTRIES THAT WE WILL NOT WIND UP SUPPORTING A PALESTINIAN STATE ON THE WEST BANK; WE WILL NOT WIND UP SUPPORTING SELF-DETERMINATION AS DEFINED AS MEANING A PALESTINIAN STATE ON THE WEST BANK, ALTHOUGH THE GENERAL PRINCIPLE OF PEOPLE HAVING A SAY IN THEIR GOVERNMENT, SELF-GOVERNMENT, IS OBVIOUSLY, ONE THAT THE UNITED STATES CHERISHES.

HE HAS TRIED TO LAY DOWN A MARKER, YOU MIGHT SAY IN THAT REGARD; AND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN, THAT WE WOULD NOT SUPPORT THE ANNEXATION OF THE WEST BANK BY ISRAEL. SO THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN LAID DOWN THERE, AND I WOULDN'T EXPECT THE PRESIDENT WOULD CHANGE THOSE. BUT THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS INVOLVES OTHER PEOPLE -- OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE MORE DIRECTLY PRESENT IN THE AREA -- SO WE WILL HAVE TO SEE WHAT THEY SAY AND HOW THIS THING MIGHT EVOLVE.

AS FAR AS LEVERAGE IS CONCERNED, I THINK THAT, AS I SAID BEFORE, THE PRINCIPLE LEVERAGE -- AND I THINK IT IS A VERY POWERFUL LEVERAGE -- IS THE POSSIBILITY OF PEACE. AND WE WANT TO PUT THAT UP FRONT AND KEEP IT UP FRONT.

I HAPPEN TO HAVE HAD THE EXPERIENCE OF BEING IN ISRAEL VERY SHORTLY AFTER PRESIDENT SADAT FIRST VISITED JERUSALEM, BUT BEFORE ANYTHING MUCH ELSE HAD HAPPENED, AND I WAS

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REALLY IMPRESSED. I'LL NEVER FORGET THE SENSE IN WHICH THE POSSIBILITY OF PEACE, NOT NECESSARILY EVEN THE PROBABILITY OF PEACE, BUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PEACE TURNED ON THE PEOPLE THAT I MET. IT WAS A TREMENDOUSLY EXCITING POSSIBILITY FOR PEOPLE WHO HAD LIVED IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY FELT THAT WAR WAS A VIRTUAL CERTAINTY SOONER

OR LATER. SO THE POSSIBILITY OF PEACE, NOT ONLY FOR THE ISRAELIS, BUT FOR PEOPLE IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES MUST BE A VERY POWERFUL INCENTIVE, AND THAT'S THE THING THAT I THINK WE NEED TO KEEP IN FRONT OF PEOPLE ALL THE TIME.

Q ARE YOU RULING OUT THE USE OF ECONOMIC OR MILITARY AID AS A FORM OF PRESSURE , THEN?

A I DON'T RULE OUT OR RULE IN ANYTHING -- AND I DON'T THINK THAT THAT IS THE WAY TO GO ABOUT IT. I THINK, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS A SOLEMN AND CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL. PART OF THAT COMMITMENT TO SECURITY IS A MILITARY COMMITMENT. I DON'T THINK THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN ANY WAY TO VIOLATE THAT. WE MUST STICK WITH THE IDEA OF SECURITY FOR ISRAEL ALL THE WAY THROUGH HERE.

BUT HAVING SAID THAT, I HAVE TO COME BACK AGAIN TO THE IMPORTANCE OF PEACE AND THE POWER OF THE IDEA OF PEACE IN ANY AREA, BUT PARTICULARLY THAT AREA.

Q THE PRESIDENT QUITE EXPLICITLY DOES NOT MENTION THE PLO IN THIS SPEECH EXCEPT IN TERMS OF A DIMINISHMENT IN THEIR MILITARY POWER. WOULD THE UNITED STATES, OR WOULD THE UNITED STATES NOT, DEAL WITH THEM AS REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE PALESTINIANS ON THE WEST BANK?

A THE PRESIDENT'S AND THE UNITED STATES' POSITION INsofar AS ANY TALKS WITH THE PLO ARE CONCERNED HAVE BEEN STATED VERY CLEARLY, AND MOST RECENTLY IN THE PRESIDENT'S MOST RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE. THAT'S WHERE WE ARE AS FAR AS THE PLO IS CONCERNED.

AS FAR AS THEIR APPEARANCE AT ANY BARGAINING TABLE UNDER WHATEVER CIRCUMSTANCES, THAT IS FOR OTHERS TO DETERMINE AS WELL AS OURSELVES, AND I DON'T HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE ISRAELIS WOULD OPEN THEIR ARMS AND EMBRACE THE PLO AT THIS POINT IN TIME. BUT AS FAR AS ANY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PLO

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ARE CONCERNED, THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS ARE THE U.S. POSITION.

Q I WONDER IF I CAN GET YOU TO BE MORE SPECIFIC ON ONE POINT. THE PRESIDENT REFERS TO, IN THE LONG RUN, THERE BEING AN ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA WITH JORDAN. EXACTLY WHAT DO YOU ENVISION THAT ASSOCIATION BEING ULTIMATELY, ONCE THE TRANSITION IS OVER?

A THIS IS THE SECOND TIME AROUND ON THAT QUESTION. I'D HAVE TO GIVE AS CLOSE AS I CAN TO THE ANSWER GIVEN THE FIRST TIME, NAMELY, THAT THERE ARE LOTS OF DIFFERENT WAYS IN WHICH SOMETHING LIKE THAT COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED. I THINK IT IS A DISSERVICE TO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS TO TRY TO PIN IT DOWN FURTHER THAN THAT. IT'S JUST THAT YOU HAVE TO SAY TO YOURSELF, WELL, IF IT ISN'T A PALESTINIAN STATE AND IF IT ISN'T ANNEXED BY ISRAEL, WHAT IS IT? WHERE IS IT GOING TO GO?

THERE HAS TO BE SOME SORT OF RELATIONSHIP TO OTHERS IN THE AREA, AND THIS IS THE MOST SENSIBLE SEEMING POSSIBILITY AS THE PRESIDENT SEES IT.

Q CAN YOU SAY WHAT YOU ARE NOT RECOMMENDING TO THE PRESIDENT REGARDING THE F-16S FOR ISRAEL THAT HAVE BEEN HELD IN ABEYANCE? AND MORE BROADLY, CAN YOU SAY WHAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S FINDINGS HAVE BEEN REGARDING ISRAEL'S USE OF AMERICAN EQUIPMENT IN LEBANON?

A I THINK THE STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE WEAPONS.

AS FAR AS THE F-16 NOTIFICATION IS CONCERNED, THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WILL BE DEALT WITH IN DUE COURSE. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO RETURN TO THE ANSWER I GAVE A LITTLE BIT EARLIER, NAMELY THAT UNDERLYING THIS WHOLE APPROACH IS A VERY FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL, AND I DON'T THINK THAT ONE WANTS TO SOMEHOW PLAY AROUND WITH WEAPONS SALES IN THIS REGARD.

Q A COUPLE OF TIMES YOU'VE BEEN ASKED ABOUT THE NEXT STEP. I'D LIKE TO TAKE ANOTHER WAY PERHAPS OF APPROACHING IT. MAYBE WE CAN DRAW YOU OUT A LITTLE BIT.

IN THE PAST, IN ORDER FOR ANYTHING MAJOR TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS, IT HAS

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TAKEN AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF ENERGY ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATIONS, IN THE ONE CASE WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER GOING BACK AND FURTH BETWEEN THE PARTIES, WHICH YOU REMEMBER. IN ANOTHER CASE, PRESIDENT CARTER HAD TO BECOME DEEPLY INVOLVED HIMSELF.

A I THINK HE GOT THE PEOPLE TO COME HERE AND SHUTTLE BETWEEN CABINS.

Q THAT'S RIGHT. ASIDE FROM ANNOUNCING A U.S. POSTURE AND POSITION ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES, DOES THE PRESIDENT IN MAKING THIS SPEECH MEAN TO TELL US ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT

HE OR YOU ARE PREPARED TO DO TO TAKE THIS FROM A PAPER POSITION TO SOMETHING WHICH TWO OR THREE OR EVEN MORE PARTIES ARE WILLING TO COME TO AGREEMENT ON?

A WELL, CERTAINLY, THE IMPLICATION OF THE SPEECH AND THE EFFORT THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS PUT INTO IT --NOT ONLY THE SPEECH, OBVIOUSLY, BUT ALL OF THE EFFORT, ATTENTION, AND THOUGHT THAT HAS PRECEDED IT --SHOW THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITMENT TO HELPING BRING ABOUT A PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND HIS COMMITMENT TO THE OTHER OBJECTIVES THAT I HAVE TRIED TO BRING OUT HERE.

SO THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION, BASICALLY, IS YES, CERTAINLY. THIS REPRESENTS A STATEMENT THAT THE PRESIDENT CONSIDERS THIS QUESTION TO BE OF VERY HIGH PRIORITY AND IS READY TO INVEST TIME AND ATTENTION HIMSELF IN IT, AS HE ALREADY HAS. AND IF ANYBODY IS INTERESTED, I'M SURE HE'LL VOLUNTEER MY SERVICES AND I'LL TRY TO GET SOME OTHERS INVOLVED AS WELL.

Q. A LITTLE WHILE AGO YOU SAID THERE IS A NEED FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE RECOGNIZED AS LEGITIMATE BY THE PALESTINIANS TO COME FORWARD AND PARTICIPATE.

A. YES.

Q. A TWO-PART QUESTION FOLLOWS ON THAT: FIRST, DO YOU CONSIDER THE MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE LEAGUES WITH WHOM DEFENSE MINISTER SHARON MET RECENTLY TO BE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE? AND SECOND, DO YOU CONSIDER WEST BANK AND GAZA OFFICIALS SUCH AS MAYOR SHAWA, WHO HAVE BEEN RELIEVED OF THEIR POSTS BY THE

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ISRAELIS, TO BE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE?

A. I DON'T WANT TO IDENTIFY ANY PARTICULAR PERSON OR FORM IN THAT REGARD, BUT JUST TO LEAVE IT IN TERMS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF LEGITIMACY, AND NO DOUBT THERE ARE VARIATIONS ON THAT THEME.

Q. WHEN OUR AMBASSADORS PRESENTED THIS PLAN TO THE FOUR NATIONS THAT YOU MENTIONED, WERE THEY ANYMORE SPECIFIC ON THE PRESIDENT'S IDEAS THAN THE PRESIDENT IS BEING TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OR THAN YOU ARE BEING TONIGHT? WERE THE PROPOSALS SPELLED OUT IN ANY MORE DETAIL?

A. THERE WAS AN EFFORT TO SPELL THEM OUT AND THE AMBASSADORS EACH HAD COMMON TALKING POINTS TO STAND BEHIND THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS, BUT BASICALLY THEIR TALKING POINTS ARE ENCOMPASSED IN THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH, THE PRESIDENT HAS PUT THEM IN THE SPEECH IN A SORT OF SPEECH FORM, BUT BASICALLY THEY'RE THE SAME.

Q. BECAUSE THIS FOLLOWS THE PLO PULLOUT SO CLOSELY, I'M WONDERING, WAS THERE ANY UNDERSTANDING IN THAT NEGOTIATION IN BEIRUT THAT SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD FOLLOW; THAT THE U.S. WOULD HAVE A NEW INITIATIVE?

A. NO. THERE WASN'T ANYTHING THAT WAS EXPLICITLY PART OF THAT PLAN ALTHOUGH VARIOUS UNITEDSTATESPokesmen

AND, PARTICULARLY, THE PRESIDENT KEPT NOTING THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS OF OUR STRUGGLE IN BEIRUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UNDERLYING PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AND THE NEED TO COME TO GRIPS WITH IT PROMPTLY SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANOTHER CYCLE OF THE SAME SORT. CERTAINLY ALL OF THE VISITORS THAT CAME HERE EMPHASIZED THAT IN MANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND PEOPLE IN THE AREA EMPHASIZED THAT. I DO THINK THROUGHOUT THE WORST DAYS OF BEIRUT THERE WERE MANY EXPRESSIONS OF THE NEED TO WORK ON THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AND MANY EXPRESSED IN A WAY THAT MADE YOU FEEL THAT PERHAPS THERE IS A POSSIBLE TURNING POINT HERE AND THAT PEOPLE HAVE REACHED THE POINT WHERE THEY FEEL THEY MUST SIT DOWN TOGETHER AND TRY TO WORK SOMETHING OUT.

Q. THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN HERE TO SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, BUT DEFENSE MINISTER SHARON CERTAINLY THINKS THE PROBLEM IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT. AND WITH ISRAEL BEING WHAT APPEARS

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TO BE A MAJOR VICTOR IN LEBANON, HOW DO YOU INTEND TO PERSUADE ISRAEL TO CHANGE ITS MINDS ON ALL OF THESE ISSUES?

A. THE FACT OF STRENGTH MAY BE A FACTOR GIVEN THE THREAT OF WAR AND THE THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL OF WAR AND THE NEED FOR HUGE DEVOTATION OF RESOURCES TO MILITARY MEANS MAY BE A FACTOR IN LEAVING PEOPLE TO THINK THEY SHOULD CHANGE. I THINK THAT IT IS NOT UNKNOWN IN HUMAN HISTORY THAT IN THE WAKE OF VICTORY COMES MAGNANIMITY AND COMPROMISE. I'M NOT SAYING THAT WILL HAPPEN, BUT I THINK IT SOMETIMES DOES,

Q. COULD YOU ADDRESS YOURSELF TO THE TIMING OF TONIGHT'S SPEECH, AND SPECIFICALLY WAS IT MOVED UP BECAUSE OF THE DISCLOSURES IN ISRAEL TODAY?

A. OF COURSE, THE TIMING IS, AS DEVELOPED IN THE SPEECH, SOMETHING THAT RESULTS FROM A PROCESS THAT PRECEDED THE LEBANON CONFLICT THAT GOES BACK QUITE SOME TIME AND IN MANY RESPECTS IT REPRESENTS A CONTINUOUS PROCESS OVER A LONG PERIOD. I HAVE SPOKEN WITH SECRETARIES OF STATE THAT DATE BACK ON THIS ISSUE SOMETIME AND THEY ALL FOUND THE SUBJECT VERY FAMILIAR AND MANY OF THE THINGS BEING SAID VERY FAMILIAR.

SO, IN THAT SENSE, THERE IS A LONG HISTORY HERE AND IT ISN'T BY ANY MEANS A SUDDEN THING. BEYOND THAT, IT'S SOMETHING THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN WORKING ON VERY ACTIVELY AND CERTAINLY THE FIRST THING THAT HE TASK ME ON, WHEN I CAME ABOARD, WAS TO GET TO WORK ON THIS ISSUE

WHICH I HAVE BEEN DOING IN EVERY WAY I CAN THINK OF AND WORKING WITH HIM ON IT.

SO AS THE ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THIS AREA, AS WE SEE THAT PEOPLE IN OTHER CAPITALS ARE GIVING ATTENTION TO IT AND CONSIDERING IT AND STARTING TO TAKE POSITIONS, IT SEEMED TO THE PRESIDENT IMPORTANT TO PUT SOME U.S. VIEWS OUT THERE BEFORE OTHERS GET FROZEN INTO POSITIONS THAT ARE DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH, LACKING ANY STATEMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES. SO THE PRESIDENT FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO PUT HIS VIEWS OUT THERE VERY PROMPTLY; AND AS RAPIDLY AS WE DID GET HIS VIEWS CONCRETELY OUT TO THESE CAPITALS, HE FELT WE SHOULD DO THAT BEFORE HE MADE HIS OWN PUBLIC STATEMENT AND THEN PROCEED ON.

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Q. WAS THE DECISION MADE ACTUALLY TODAY, CAN YOU SAY?

A. IT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED FOR SOMETIME, INCLUDING SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT. WE COULDN'T BE ABSOLUTELY SURE OF HOW THIS PROCESS WOULD WORK OUT AND WHEN WE WOULD WANT TO GO AND TALK WITH THE LEADERS IN THE FOUR COUNTRIES I MENTIONED, JUST HOW AND WHEN THAT WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED. BUT AS WE SAW AT GETTING IT ACCOMPLISHED, THEN THE DECISION HONED IN VERY CRISPLY. IT WAS A QUESTION OF TODAY OR TOMORROW BY THE TIME WE GOT DOWN TO IT, AND IT SEEMED THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THE SOONER THE BETTER.

I RECALL BACK TO THE DAYS WHEN I FIRST CAME TO WASHINGTON TO BE SECRETARY OF LABOR, I HAD A PERSON WORKING WITH ME FROM THE PRESS NAMED JOE LOFTUS AND HE HAD A WHOLE BUNCH OF LAWS THAT HE TAUGHT ME AND ONE WAS, IF YOU HAVE SOME NEWS DON'T SIT ON IT. SO I THINK THIS IS CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF NEWS AND THE PRESIDENT DIDN'T WANT TO SIT ON IT.

Q. DO YOU THINK THERE ARE RISKS IN OUTLINING THIS PUBLIC DECISION BY THE UNITED STATES BEFORE MORE GROUNDWORK HAS BEEN LAID WITH THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED AND BEFORE YOU HAVE A CLEARER NOTION OF WHERE YOU WANT TO GO AFTER OUTLINING HIS POSTTION?

A. THERE ARE ALWAYS RISKS IN EVERYTHING YOU DO. BUT I THINK THAT ONE OF THE THINGS TO BEAR IN MIND IS THE IMPORTANCE OF STATING YOUR POSITION FOR YOURSELF IN YOUR OWN WAY. AS WE ALL KNOW, THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION IS ALSO A PROCESS IN WHICH PEOPLE HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE SAID AND THEN THEY MAY PICK UP ON IT AND IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

STATE YOUR POSITION FOR YOU IN WAYS THAT YOU DON'T THINK ARE TO YOUR ADVANTAGE OR PERHAPS AS CLEAR AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO IT.

ONCE YOU GET TO A CERTAIN POINT IN ANY OF THESE PROCESSES, YOU ARE BETTER OFF TO GO PUBLIC AND STATE YOUR POSITION IN YOUR OWN WAY AND IT'S A PHENOMENON THAT I'VE SEEN AS SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY AND DIRECTUR OF THE BUDGET IN TRYING TO BRING OUT MATERIAL IN THOSE AREAS. IT'S BASICALLY THE SAME KIND OF PROCESS.

Q. COULD YOU ELABORATE A LITTLE BIT ON WHAT YOU SEE ARE

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THE DIFFICULTIES THAT JORDAN WOULD FACE IN TAKING IN THE PALESTINIANS IN SOME MANNER AND, SIMILARLY, THE ISRAELIS GIVING UP SOME PART OF THAT BORDER AREA?

A. THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES THAT PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO FACE UP TO AND THOSE REPRESENT PROBLEMS OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER. THEY ARE ESSENTIALLY SOLVABLE PROBLEMS. I THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF BENEFITS.

I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT THE ROLE OF AN OCCUPYING POWER IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA IS A PARTICULARLY ENJOYABLE ONE, AND, CERTAINLY, THERE ARE DEFINITE COSTS CONNECTED WITH IT JUST AS THERE ARE COSTS CONNECTED FOR JORDAN IN THE UNCERTAIN STATUS OF THE WEST BANK. THEY'RE VERY STRONG ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PEOPLE IN JORDAN AND ON THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. SO I THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF ADVANTAGES TO STRAIGHTENING THIS AROUND.

JOHN HAS TOLD ME THAT THERE WAS ONE MORE QUESTION WHICH I'VE ANSWERED, BUT I'LL TAKE ONE MORE.

Q. YOU SAID YOU SPOKE TO THE FOUR COUNTRIES: ISRAEL, JORDAN, SAUDI ARABIA AND EGYPT.

A. YES.

Q. DID THE AMERICANS SPEAK TO THE PALESTINIANS?

A. NO. BUT WE EXPECT THAT OTHERS MAY HAVE SPOKEN TO THE PALESTINIANS.

Q. AT THE RISK OF IMPOSING ON YOUR PATIENCE, COULD YOU CLEAR UP SOME OF THE LEAKS COMING OUT OF ISRAEL TONIGHT; THERE ARE REPORTS FROM ISRAEL THAT YOU HAVE PROPOSED

DEPARTURES FROM CAMP DAVID BY SUGGESTING THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE ARAB INHABITANTS IN JERUSALEM SHOULD VOTE FOR THE AUTONOMY AND THE SECURITY FOR THE WEST BANK SHOULD BE TURNED OVER TO ARAB AUTHORITIES. ARE THOSE REPORTS CORRECT AND HAVE YOU GOTTEN INTO THAT KIND OF DETAIL?

A. WHAT THE LEAKS ARE AT THE MOMENT OUT OR STATEMENTS COMING OUT OF ISRAEL OR OTHER PLACES, I'M NOT ABSOLUTELY

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UP TO THE MINUTE ON, BUT THE QUESTION OF WHO WOULD VOTE IN THE EVENT OF A VOTE ON A SELF-GOVERNING AUTHORITY FOR THE WEST BANK HAS BEEN A SUBJECT THAT'S HAD A LOT OF DISCUSSION. SO I DON'T THINK THAT IS SOMETHING UNUSUAL IN THE FRAMEWORK OF CAMP DAVID.

WE HAVE REGARDED THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS AND RESOLUTION 242, WHICH ARE REFERENCED IN THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS, TO BE BASICALLY THE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THESE PROPOSALS, OR THESE IDEAS ARE PUT FORWARD, AND IT IS OUR VIEW AND IT IS THE VIEW OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR SOMETIME THAT WE ARE CONSISTENT WITH CAMP DAVID. AND, OF COURSE, THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WILL MAKE THEIR COMMENTS. BUT I THINK THAT THE PROPOSALS ARE STRICTLY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF CAMP DAVID.

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