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(was not prepared to -
→ Blessed with the naivete of youth, I ~~was not~~ could not comprehend the depth of intense hatred that existed in the hearts of many - I could not believe that ~~men~~ could conceive of the evil conspiracy of the final solution

And so, I began a self imposed study to seek the answers to - "Why the Jews?" It was a painful study of mankind's irrational violence & hatred that led me to believe that the holocaust of this century was one of many that the Jews have lived over the centuries - slavery, diaspora, occupation, the Crusades, the Inquisition, the Black Plague, the pogroms - all n & n.

Despite mankind's effort to eradicate the Jews - they have survived

→ Although we who have been honored
this day were strangers to each other
until this memorable day - we
have journeyed to Jerusalem because
we share a common faith -
we believe in Israel: we
believe in her mission of peace
and we believe in her promise
to mankind.

My journey to Jerusalem began
in the summer of '45 - a few
months after the end of ~~the~~
WWII. I understood then I was
asked to believe that I left my
home in faraway Britain to
do battle in Europe with an enemy,
but that summer of '45 I realized
that we were doing battle
with mankind's illness from
ancient times - the illness &
curse of evil hatred.

and at times flourished — the
contributions of the arts, music &
literature — the contribution of
scientific knowledge — and the
ultimate contribution to mankind —
our code of morality & ethics —

Wanted to fortune that the
Jews did survive and did
not join the ancient civilizations —
Babylonians, Phoenicians, Chaldeans,
etc., etc.

But what is the ^{condition} ~~status~~ of
the Jews ~~today~~ ^{today}

It is obvious that the ancient
curse of hatred is still with us.

— The hatred that is
aroused w/ Katusha's hydrogen
bombs, Tactical Baller missile
delivery systems & ~~stages~~

Exposable to dragging fighting
& poisonous
~~weapons~~ ~~weapons~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~ground~~
+ ~~the~~ ~~area~~. Israel + her
people.

Yes, ~~in~~ this land of milk
& honey is still covered & / listed.

And what ~~should~~ ~~should~~
should America do — should we
stand by ~~and~~ ~~do~~ nothing &
thereby participate in the destruction
of Israel or should we respond
with present sounding words of
diplomacy like "even kindness"

or should we stand tall &
declare to one and all without
equivocation & with simple clarity
that we will, without hesitation
help to maintain a strong, independent
& viable Israel?

To me the answer is
simple & uncomplicated —

It is in the best interests
of the United States & America
to assure to the people of the
a strong, viable & independent
Israel

To do anything less —
would result in uncertainty &
instability, & the ruin of workers.

And that condition will exactly
tempt some to undertake violent
aggressions and the testing by
terrorism — and this could
only lead to disaster & destruction.

A strong Israel - supported
by the US + would ensure
stability + certainty - which
in turn would lead to meaningful
deals + meetings.

And the miracle of coexistence
can come to this land.

Yes - we have journeyed
to Jerusalem this day because
we believe in Israel - +
we hope + pray that someday
soon the promises of the ancient
prophets of this land will be
fulfilled - that the children
of Abraham will gather in peace
+ security + love as ~~the~~ the
coexistence they are + pray forth
the promises of God that
we will all live in a world
of milk + honey - Shalom.

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SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE'S RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF THE
RECIPIENTS OF HONORARY DOCTORATES AT THE
CONVOCATION CEREMONY ON JUNE 26, 1989
AT THE ROTHBERG AMPHITHEATRE, MOUNT SCOPUS

WE, WHO HAVE TRAVELLED GREAT DISTANCES FROM FARAWAY LANDS,
ARE DEEPLY MOVED AND HONORED BY THIS MEMORABLE EVENT. ON
BEHALF OF ALL THE RECIPIENTS OF HONORARY DOCTORATES

DR. ABBA EBAN

PROF. JOEL ELKES

PROF. JURGEN HABERMAS

DR. MORRIS WOSK

DR. ZUBIN MEHTA, AND

PROF. GEORGE KLEIN

I THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT HONOR YOU HAVE BESTOWED UPON US.

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ALTHOUGH WE WERE STRANGERS TO EACH OTHER UNTIL THIS MEMORABLE EVENT, WE SHARE A VERY SACRED BELIEF. WE UNDERTOOK THIS JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN ISRAEL.

WE ARE HERE BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN ISRAEL'S MISSION OF PEACE.

MY JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM BEGAN IN THE SUMMER OF 1945 IN AN AMERICAN MILITARY HOSPITAL RECOVERING FROM WOUNDS RESULTING FROM BATTLES WITH OUR COMMON ENEMY. THOUGH WOUNDED, I WAS CONTENT IN THE BELIEF THAT THE FORCES OF DEMOCRACY WERE VICTORIOUS AGAINST THE ARMIES OF DICTATORSHIP. BUT UPON SEEING THE UNFORGETTABLE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE BRUTALITY AND INHUMANITY AND OBSCENITY OF DACHAU, BELSEN AND BUCHENWALD - I REALIZED THAT OUR BATTLE WAS NOT AGAINST MEN BUT AGAINST THE AGE-OLD CURSE AND ILLNESS THAT IS ALL TOO OFTEN FOUND IN THE HEARTS OF MEN - HATRED OF EVIL DIMENSIONS.

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BLESSED WITH THE NAIVETE OF YOUTH, I WAS NOT PREPARED TO COMPREHEND THE DEPTH AND DIMENSION OF EVIL HATRED. I COULD NOT BELIEVE THAT MORTAL MEN COULD CONSPIRE AND METHODICALLY DRAW UP A BLUEPRINT OF THE FINAL SOLUTION.

AND SO I BEGAN MY STUDY - A STUDY THAT COUNTLESS THOUSANDS FROM ANCIENT TIMES HAVE CONDUCTED SEEKING THE ANSWER TO THAT SAD AND TRAGIC QUESTION - "WHY THE JEWS?"

MY STUDY FOLLOWED A PAINFUL PATH THROUGH MANKIND'S HISTORY THAT CHRONICLED EPISODES OF MANKIND'S EVIL AND IRRATIONAL VIOLENCE AND HATRED. IT WAS A HISTORY OF HOLOCAUSTS: - THE GENERATIONS OF SLAVERY, THE BRUTAL IMPOSITIONS OF THE DIASPORAS, THE CRUEL AND BLOODY OCCUPATION OF THIS HOLY CITY, THE DARK PAGES OF THE CRUSADES, THE HORRORS OF THE INQUISITION, THE VIOLENCE OF THE BLACK PLAGUE, THE GHETTOS AND POGROMS OF THE RECENT PAST AND HITLER'S HOLOCAUST.

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DESPITE MAN'S NEVER ENDING ATTEMPTS TO ENSLAVE OR ERADICATE THE JEWS, THANK GOD THEY SURVIVED AND IN THEIR SURVIVAL SHARED WITH MANKIND, AS THEY CONTINUE TO DO TO THIS DAY, THEIR PRICELESS GIFTS TO CIVILISATION - GIFTS OF THE INTELLECT, GIFTS OF THE ARTS, MUSIC AND LITERATURE, GIFTS OF THE SCIENCES TO HEAL OUR MINDS AND BODIES -- AND ABOVE ALL - THE ULTIMATE GIFT TO MANKIND - GOD'S MESSAGE OF MORALITY AND HUMANITY THAT MOSES BROUGHT FORTH FROM THE HOLY MOUNTAIN.

WE ARE FORTUNATE THAT THE JEWS SURVIVED AND DID NOT JOIN THE CIVILIZATIONS OF THE PAST.

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BUT WHAT ABOUT THE JEW OF THIS DAY - THE ISRAEL OF THIS DAY?
ARE THEY, AS WAS PROMISED BY THE PATRIARCHS OF THE PAST,
BASKING IN THE SUNSHINE OF PEACE AND PLENTY? OBVIOUSLY NOT,
BECAUSE THEY STILL LISTEN FOR THE EVIL SOUNDS AT NIGHT, AND,
AFTER ALL THESE CENTURIES OF PAIN AND SADNESS,
STILL FIND THEMSELVES ARMED WITH THE SWORDS OF SURVIVAL -
FOR THE ANCIENT CURSE OF EVIL HATRED STILL LURKS IN THIS
LAND - THE HATRED THAT IS NOW ARMED WITH KATYUSHAS,
PLASTIC BOMBS, MIG FIGHTERS AND MISSILES. DESTRUCTION
AND DEVASTATION ARE THE REALITIES OF THIS DAY.

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AND WHAT SHOULD AMERICA DO? SHOULD AMERICA STAND ALOOF AND TURN HER BACK TO ISRAEL AND THEREBY PARTICIPATE IN THE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL? OR, SHOULD AMERICA RESPOND WITH THE PLEASANT WORD OF DIPLOMACY LIKE "EVEN-HANDEDNESS?" OR, SHOULD AMERICA STAND TALL AND DECLARE TO ONE AND ALL - FRIENDLY AND NOT TOO FRIENDLY - WITHOUT EQUIVOCATION AND WITH SIMPLE CLARITY, THAT AMERICA WILL NOT HESITATE TO PROVIDE ALL THE ASSISTANCE NECESSARY TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN A STRONG, A VIABLE AND AN INDEPENDENT ISRAEL?

THE DECISION MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR SOME - BUT FOR ME THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE AND UNCOMPLICATED. I BELIEVE THAT THE BEST INTERESTS OF AMERICA, AND I FURTHER BELIEVE THAT THE PROMISE OF A PEACEFUL PLANET, WILL BE BEST SERVED BY THE MAINTENANCE OF A STRONG, A VIABLE AND AN INDEPENDENT ISRAEL.

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THE PLEDGE OF AMERICA TO THIS END MUST BE HEARD AND UNDERSTOOD IN THE CAPITALS OF THIS WORLD.

FOR AMERICA TO DO ANYTHING LESS WOULD RESULT IN UNCERTAINTY, INSTABILITY AND ULTIMATE CHAOS AND THUS PROJECTING TO SOME THE FALSE PERCEPTIONS AND VISION OF WEAKNESS.

AND WHAT MUST ISRAEL DO? THOUGH IT MAY BE DIFFICULT AND PAINFUL, ISRAEL MUST DECLARE AND DEMONSTRATE TO ONE AND ALL - FRIENDLY AND UNFRIENDLY - THAT SHE IS NOT DIVIDED AND THAT HER MISSION OF PEACE IS SINCERE AND REAL.

THIS IS A TIME OF TESTING FOR AMERICA AND ISRAEL WHETHER WE ARE PREPARED TO TAKE THIS IMPORTANT STEP IN THE PATHWAY TO PEACE. WE MUST NOT AND CANNOT FAIL.

IF WE FAIL IN TAKING THIS DIFFICULT STEP, WE MAY TEMPT SOME INTO MISCHIEF AND ADVENTURE AND CONTINUE THE TESTING OF VIOLENT TERRORISM.

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A STRONG ISRAEL WITH THE CLEAR SUPPORT OF AMERICA WILL ASSURE THE ATMOSPHERE NECESSARY FOR MEANINGFUL MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS.

AND THUS, WE MAY IN OUR LIFETIME WITNESS THE MIRACLE OF PEACEFUL CONSCENSUS IN THIS LAND.

YES, WE WHO HAVE BEEN HONORED THIS DAY, HAVE MADE OUR JOURNEYS TO JERUSALEM BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN ISRAEL.

WE THANK YOU WITH THE HOPE AND PRAYER THAT SOMEDAY SOON THE PROMISE OF THE ANCIENT PATRIARCH WILL BLESS THIS LAND. THAT THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM WILL LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP AND BRING FORTH THE PROMISE OF GOD THAT WE WILL ALL LIVE IN A WORLD OF MILK AND HONEY.

SHALOM.