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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 27, 1976

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the American people, I offer my warmest congratulations to you and your fellow citizens on the occasion of the twenty-eighth anniversary of the independence of Israel. The strong friendship between our two countries has continued since the creation of the State of Israel, in which we are proud to have played a role. This friendship has matured and deepened through our common striving over the years to help advance a final peace in the Middle East. It has been reinforced by our admiration for the cultural and scientific genius of the Israeli people and for their dedication to democracy.

The United States remains firmly committed to the existence and security of Israel and to efforts to contribute to the achievement of a just and enduring peace in your region. The courage and conviction of the people of Israel provide your country with a special strength in the search for a lasting peace in the Middle East. In meeting the challenges of the future, you will continue to have our prayers, our support and our sympathetic understanding.

With warm personal regards,

His Excellency
Ephraim Katzir
President of Israel



April 29, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR BOB LINDER

Bob, could I please have 200 copies of the attached reproduced and sent to me by NOON, tomorrow, Friday.

Thank you very much.

Eliska Hasek
121-OEOB
Ext. 2185

Att.



May 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID LISSY

SUBJECT: Israel Independence Day

The original signed letter to President Katzir was picked up from my office last Friday by Rosemary Niehuss of NSC, who will arrange for the text to be cabled to our Embassy for delivery to the Israeli Foreign Ministry -- along with instructions to cable confirmation of delivery as soon as possible. As soon as my office is notified of delivery, I will let you know so that you can send copies of the letter to domestic organizations.

Attached are 150 copies of the letter.

Eliska Hasek

cc: Rosemary Niehuss, NSC

EH:ck

