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Signed 2/4/76
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

Last Day: February 7

January 30, 1976

Posted

2/5/76

J. Archibald

2/5/76

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM CANNON *[Signature]*

SUBJECT:

H.J. Res. 406 - Presentation by the United States of a Statue to Israel

Attached for your consideration is H.J. Res. 406, sponsored by Representative Ottinger, which authorizes and directs the President to accept, on behalf of the United States, a statue of Abraham Lincoln from its owners and to present such statue to Israel on behalf of the United States.

Additional information is provided in OMB's enrolled bill report at Tab A.

OMB, Max Friedersdorf, State, NSC, Counsel's Office (Chapman) and I recommend approval of the enrolled resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign H.J. Res. 406 at Tab B.





EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

JAN 29 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Joint Resolution H.J.Res. 406 - Presentation by the United States of a statue to Israel
Sponsor - Rep. Ottinger (D) New York

Last Day for Action

February 7, 1976 - Saturday

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Agency Recommendations

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Department of State	Approval

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In its report to the House International Relations Committee, the State Department endorsed the purpose of H.J.Res. 406 provided the United States would not incur any cost and further provided that the proposed presentation was acceptable to the Government of Israel. The House Committee report notes that the owners of the statue have arranged with the Mayor of Ramat Gan, Israel, to have the statue placed in that city, and that they have assumed responsibility for all costs involved with the presentation to Israel of the statue.

James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures





DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

23 JAN 1978

Honorable James T. Lynn
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Lynn:

Re: Mr. James Frey's communication on H.J. Res. 406:

The Department of State recommends approval of H.J. Res. 406. The Department believes that approval would advance the foreign policy objectives of the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert J. McCloskey".

Robert J. McCloskey
Assistant Secretary of State
for Congressional Relations



10-
J. Cannon
1-29-76
4:30 p.m.



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Date: January 29

Time: 7:00pm

FOR ACTION: NSC/S
Max Friedersdorf
Ken Lazaruscc (for information): Jack Marsh
Jim Cavanaugh

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: January 30

Time: 500pm

SUBJECT:

H.J. Res. 406 - Presentation by the United States
of a statue to Israel

ACTION REQUESTED:

 For Necessary Action For Your Recommendations Prepare Agenda and Brief Draft Reply For Your Comments Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Please return to Judy Johnston, Ground Floor West Wing

No objection -- Dudley Chapman for
Ken Lazarus 1/30/76PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.If you have any questions or if you anticipate a
delay in submitting the required material, please
telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CAVANAUGH
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *MLF*
SUBJECT: H. J. Res. 406 - Presentation by the United States
to a statue to Israel

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs with the agencies
that the subject bill be signed.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

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H.J. Res. 406 - Presentation by the United States
of a statue to Israel

ACTION REQUESTED:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> For Necessary Action | <input type="checkbox"/> For Your Recommendations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Agenda and Brief | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Reply |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For Your Comments | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Remarks |

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K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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January 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CAVANAUGH
FROM: Jeanne W. Davi *JWD*
SUBJECT: Presentation of Statue of Lincoln
to Israel: H. J. Res. 406

The NSC staff concurs in the memorandum to the President on
H. J. Res. 406.

PRESENTATION BY THE UNITED STATES
OF A STATUE TO ISRAEL

DECEMBER 12, 1975.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. HAYS of Ohio, from the Committee on International Relations, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.J. Res. 406]

The Committee on International Relations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 406) to provide for the presentation by the United States to Israel of a statue of Abraham Lincoln to be donated by Leon Gildesgame, of Mount Kisco, New York, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the joint resolution as amended do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

Strike out all after the resolving clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

That the President (1) shall accept, on behalf of the United States, a statue of Abraham Lincoln from Leon and Ruth Gildesgame, of Mount Kisco, New York, and (2) shall present such statue to the people of Israel on behalf of the people of the United States.

Strike out the preamble and insert in lieu thereof the following new preamble:

Whereas President Abraham Lincoln symbolizes for millions of Americans the cherished dreams of freedom, human dignity, and hope for mankind;

Whereas the people of the State of Israel share with the American people those dreams which Abraham Lincoln symbolizes; and

Whereas Leon and Ruth Gildesgame, of Mount Kisco, New York, are the owners of an award-winning statue of Abraham Lincoln which they have expressed an interest in donating to the United States in order that it may be given as a gift from the people of the United States to the people of Israel: Now, therefore, be it

Amend the title so as to read :

“Joint resolution to provide for the presentation by the United States to Israel of a statue of Abraham Lincoln to be donated by Leon and Ruth Gildesgame, of Mount Kisco, New York.”

PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION

The purpose of H.J. Res. 406 is to arrange for the President of the United States to accept, on behalf of the United States, a statue of Abraham Lincoln from Leon and Ruth Gildesgame, of Mount Kisco, New York, and present the statue to the people of Israel on behalf of the people of the United States.

BACKGROUND

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gildesgame of Mount Kisco, New York, are the owners of an award-winning statue of Abraham Lincoln, sculpted by Sidney Loeb of Chicago, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Gildesgame wish to donate the statue to the United States in order that it may be given as a gift from the people of the United States to the people of Israel. The owners of the statue have arranged with the Mayor of Ramat Gan, Israel, to have the statue placed in that city. A sculptor in Israel will make a pedestal of Israeli rock with inscriptions of several quotations of Abraham Lincoln. The statue stands seven and one half feet high.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Hon. Richard L. Ottinger of New York introduced H.J. Res. 406 on April 18, 1975, and the joint resolution was referred to the Committee on International Relations, Hon. Thomas E. Morgan, Chairman. A report was requested from the Department of State on May 7, 1975, and received on July 29, 1975. On July 11, 1975, the joint resolution was referred to the Subcommittee on International Operations of which Hon. Wayne L. Hays is Chairman.

The Subcommittee held a hearing on October 7, 1975, with Hon. Helen S. Meyner of New Jersey presiding. Testimony was received from Representative Ottinger and Mr. Gildesgame.

The Department of State in its report stated that “the Department is pleased to endorse this worthwhile project” provided the presentation would involve no expense to the U.S. Government, and the presentation is acceptable to the Government of Israel. As introduced, the joint resolution authorized the President to pay all reasonable costs in connection with the presentation of the statute to Israel including transportation. The reported version deleted this authorization and the owners have assumed responsibility for all such costs.

The Subcommittee on International Operations agreed to report the joint resolution favorably as amended on December 3, 1975. The joint resolution was considered by the Committee on International Relations on December 10, 1975, and ordered favorably reported without objection.

COST ESTIMATE

No cost to the United States Government will be incurred by the proposed legislation.

STATEMENT REQUIRED BY RULE XI (1) (3) OF HOUSE RULES

Pursuant to the requirements of rule XI (1) (3) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are made:

(A) *Oversight findings and recommendations.*—No oversight findings or recommendations were submitted to the Committee.

(B) *Congressional Budget Act section 308 (a) requirement.*—The measure provides for no new budget authority or increased tax expenditures.

(C) *Congressional Budget Office estimate and comparison.*—No estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under Section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 has been received by the Committee.

(D) *Committee on Government Operations summary.*—No oversight findings and recommendations have been received which relate to this measure from the Committee on Government Operations under clause 2(b) (2) of Rule X.

INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed legislation would have no inflationary impact.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE RESOLUTION AS REPORTED

No changes in existing law are made by the joint resolution as reported.

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PRESENTATION BY THE UNITED STATES OF A STATUE TO ISRAEL

JANUARY 16, 1976.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. SPARKMAN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.J. Res. 406]

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to which was referred the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 406) to provide for the presentation by the United States to Israel of a statue of Abraham Lincoln to be donated by Leon Gildesgame, of Mount Kisco, New York, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the joint resolution do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION

The purpose of H.J. Res. 406 is to authorize the President of the United States to accept, on behalf of the United States, a statue of Abraham Lincoln from its owners, Leon and Ruth Gildesgame, of Mount Kisco, New York, and to present the statue to the people of Israel on behalf of the people of the United States.

BACKGROUND

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gildesgame of Mount Kisco, New York, are the owners of an award-winning statue of Abraham Lincoln, sculpted by Sidney Loeb of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Gildesgame have made known their desire to donate the statue to the United States in order that it may be given as a gift from the people of the United States to the people of Israel. The owners of the statue have arranged with the Mayor of Ramat Gan, Israel, to have the statue placed in that city. An Israeli sculptor will be engaged to design a suitable pedestal for the statue made of Israeli rock. The pedestal will be inscribed with several quotations of Abraham Lincoln. The statue stands seven and one-half feet high.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Representative Richard L. Ottinger of New York introduced H.J. Res. 406 on April 18, 1975, and the joint resolution was referred to the Committee on International Relations and then to the Subcommittee on International Operations. The Subcommittee held a hearing on October 7, 1975, at which time Representative Ottinger and Mr. Gildesgame, the owner of the statue, gave testimony.

The Department of State in its report to the House Committee on International Relations of July 29, 1975, advised that "the Department is pleased to endorse this worthwhile project" provided the presentation would involve no expense to the U.S. Government, and also provided the presentation were acceptable to the Government of Israel. As originally introduced, the joint resolution would have authorized the President to pay all reasonable costs in connection with the presentation of the statue to Israel including transportation. This authority was deleted by the House Committee on International Relations, and the owners have now assumed responsibility for all presentation and transportation costs.

House Joint Resolution 406 was reported favorably by the House Committee on International Relations on December 12, 1975, and passed, by unanimous consent, by the House of Representatives on December 17.

House Joint Resolution 406 was thereupon sent to the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. The Committee considered the joint resolution on December 19 and agreed to it by voice vote, and herewith reports it favorably to the Senate.

COST ESTIMATES

Section 252(a)(1) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 requires that committee reports on bills and joint resolutions contain:

(A) an estimate, made by such committee, of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out such bill or joint resolution in the fiscal year in which it is reported and in each of the five fiscal years following such year.

No cost to the United States Government will be incurred by the proposed legislation.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE RESOLUTION AS REPORTED

No changes in existing law are made by the joint resolution as reported.

Ninety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the nineteenth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six*

Joint Resolution

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Whereas Leon and Ruth Gildesgame, of Mount Kisco, New York, are the owners of an award-winning statue of Abraham Lincoln which they have expressed an interest in donating to the United States in order that it may be given as a gift from the people of the United States to the people of Israel: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President (1) shall accept, on behalf of the United States, a statue of Abraham Lincoln from Leon and Ruth Gildesgame, of Mount Kisco, New York, and (2) shall present such statue to the people of Israel on behalf of the people of the United States.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

January 27, 1976

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bill was received at the White House on January 27th:

H.J. Res. 406

Please let the President have reports and recommendations as to the approval of this bill as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder
Chief Executive Clerk

The Honorable James T. Lynn
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C.