

THE VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON

June 8, 1967

7:15 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

For: The President

From: The Vice President

I met with the leaders of 21 national Jewish organizations. The meeting lasted approximately 45 minutes. It was friendly and constructive.

I discussed with the leaders our most recent Resolution in the Security Council relating to efforts towards peace in the Middle East. I also shared with them a copy of your letter of today to Senator Mansfield. I emphasized to them the efforts you had made in quiet diplomacy to bring about an effective Cease-fire Resolution without the demands for withdrawal back to lines of the armistice or the truce. I pointed out your concern for a permanent peace settlement in the Middle East.

There were no complaints from the leaders. They asked me to express to you their thanks and gratitude. They were pleased with the recent Security Council Resolution. They expressed great sorrow over the Israeli attack on our ship. Their main concern was to the future -- the friendly access to the Gulf of Aqaba, the right of Israel to use the Suez Canal. These were uppermost in their concerns. There were some that talked about boundaries but recognized that this was a subject that would take a great deal of time.

I was pleased with the meeting and think it went well.

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