

April 4, 1988

Dear Mr. Asher and Mr. Dine:

This letter is a follow-up response to yours of August 4, 1987 in which you invite the President to address the twenty-ninth Annual Policy Conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in Washington, May 15-17, 1988.

The President asked me to convey his appreciation for your proposal to present him with the first annual Mort Silberman Democracy Award.

Unfortunately, the schedule to which he is committed that week, prior to his departure on May 26 for the summit meeting in Moscow, is so heavy that he will not be able to accept your generous offer.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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