

August 4, 1987

The President The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is with distinct honor that we invite you to address the 29th Annual Policy Conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. It will be held in Washington, DC from May 15-17, 1988 at the Sheraton Washington Hotel. At that time we would like to present you with the first annual Mort Silberman Democracy Award in recognition of your efforts to secure a strong U.S.-Israel relationship.

The AIPAC Policy Conference is the major annual gathering of the political leadership of the pro-Israel community in the United States; it brings to Washington over 1,000 leaders from across the country. It is the preeminent national meeting for those concerned with the U.S.-Israel relationship, as is evident by the participation of so many of our nation's leaders. Last year over 300 Members of Congress and 50 officials from the Executive Branch were in attendance.

Mr. President, you have done more to secure the close relationship between the United States and Israel and to elevate this relationship to an even higher level, than any other American President. We would be exceptionally honored if you would accept our invitation and award and make the first Presidential address to our Conference. We very much hope that your schedule will permit your accepting our invitation, and, of course, we are prepared to arrange our program around your availability.

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Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to your reply.

Respectfully yours,

Robert H. Asher

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