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NEW YORK

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 16, 1984

Dear Friend:

I want to bring you up to date on the status of S. 2031, the bill I have introduced to require that the United States embassy in Israel be located in the capital city of Jerusalem.

On February 23, the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations conducted a public hearing on my proposal. Interestingly, this was the first Senate hearing ever to be held on the important question of whether the U.S. should recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Following my own testimony in support of S. 2031, Under Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger presented the Reagan Administration's position opposing the relocation of our embassy to Jerusalem. More recently, on March 14, President Reagan reiterated his opposition to my proposal during a speech in Washington, when he stated that the status of Jerusalem would be determined through "negotiations."

My own view is that Jerusalem is, and shall remain, the capital of Israel. I believe we should base our Mideast policies in reality. As of this writing, my proposal has 37 cosponsors in the Senate and close to 200 in the House of Representatives. The support continues to grow. While the Reagan Administration continues to oppose our efforts, I remain optimistic that the bill will be passed by Congress this year.

I enclose a copy of S. 2031, and a page from the State Department's 1984 Telephone Directory that illustrates how this administration treats Jerusalem as a separate entity from the State of Israel.

Sincerely,



Daniel Patrick Moynihan

98TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2031

To require that the United States Embassy in Israel be located in the city of Jerusalem.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 31, 1983

Mr. MOYNIHAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

### A BILL

To require that the United States Embassy in Israel be located in the city of Jerusalem.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3 Notwithstanding any other Act, the United States Embassy  
4 in Israel and the residence of the American Ambassador to  
5 Israel shall hereafter be located in the city of Jerusalem.

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