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August 7, 1990
16 Av 5750

Mr. Henry Siegman
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York, Ny 10028

Dear Henry:

Regretfully, I must decline your invitation to participate in the two-day Symposium on the Peace Process in the Middle East. On those very days, my own Executive Committee Meetings take place and obviously they represent a prior obligation.

Alas, my schedule gets crowded well in advance and fall dates and spring dates are completely taken until 1994, if not beyond.

As you see, I am continuing to run so that the malach hamoves will have trouble catching up with me.

I do appreciate the courtesy of your invitation nonetheless.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

BCC: ALBERT VORSPAN

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Office of the Executive Director

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July 31, 1990

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Executive Director
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
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New York, NY 10021

Dear Alex:

I am writing to invite you to participate in a two-day Symposium on the Peace Process in the Middle East.

The Symposium, scheduled for Sunday evening and Monday, September 9th and 10th, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Washington, D.C., will be held at a particularly critical point in the evolution of the peace process, and will involve some of its key participants.

In March of 1989, the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies of Tel Aviv University issued a seminal study of Israel's six major options for peace entitled "The West Bank and Gaza: Israel's Options for Peace". The study, commissioned by the American Jewish Congress, projected the consequences of various options for Israel's security, its economy and social viability, and for its survival as a Jewish and democratic polity.

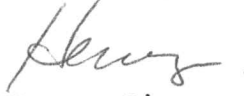
Since the study's publication, a number of major developments have altered the international landscape. Among these changes are Israel's elections proposal, the end of the Cold War, the drastically changed Soviet posture in the Middle East, large-scale Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel, a new Likud-led government, and increasing tensions in U.S.-Israel relations.

AJCongress is inviting a select group of Jewish communal leaders for a two-day Symposium that will examine how these changes have affected fundamental assumptions about the Arab-Israel conflict and prospects for the peace process that Prime Minister Shamir initiated last year.

As you will see from the enclosed program outline, we will have with us leading Middle Eastern specialists, as well as major addresses by Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, The Hon. Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's former Minister of Defense, and The Hon. Eliyahu Ben Elisar, Chairperson, Knesset Committee for Foreign Affairs and Security Affairs.

Because attendance is limited, please let us know on the enclosed reservation form by August 13th if you are able to accept this invitation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Henry', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Henry Siegman

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Program Outline

Sunday, September 9, 1990

6:00 pm Dinner

"The Jaffe Center Study (Israel's Options for Peace) in Light of Recent Developments"

Speaker: Joseph Alpher,
*Deputy Head of the Jaffe Center for
Strategic Studies, Tel Aviv University*

Discussion

8:00 pm ***"The Proposal for Elections in the Territories"***

Speaker: The Hon. Yitzhak Rabin,
Former Minister of Defense, Israel

Discussion

The Symposium has been made possible by grants from the Arca Foundation and from the Alan B. Slifka Foundation.

Monday, September 10, 1990

8:30 am ***"The Functional Elements of Palestinian Self-Governance"***

Panel: The Hon. Samuel Lewis
 President, United States Institute for Peace
 Joseph Alpher
 Prof. Emile F. Sahliyah *
 University of North Texas

10:30 am ***"Territorial Compromise and The Imperatives Of Israeli Security"***

Speaker: *Ze'ev Schiff, Military Correspondent, Ha'aretz*

Discussion

12:30 pm Lunch

2:00 pm ***"The Peace Process: Where Do We Go From Here?"***

Gen. Brent Scowcroft *,
 Assistant to the President for
 National Security Affairs

The Hon. Eliyahu Ben-Elissar
 Chairman, Knesset Committee for
 Security and Foreign Affairs

4:00 pm Adjournment

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RESERVATION FORM

Dear Mr. Siegman:

I ☐ accept ☐ cannot accept your invitation to the Symposium on the Peace Process in the Middle East, on September 9 and 10, 1990, at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Washington, D.C.

☐ Please make reservations for me at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel for the following nights:

☐ I will make my own reservation.

☐ Please send me a copy of the Jaffe Center study *"Israel's Options for Peace"*

Name

Organization

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

Please return this form in the enclosed envelope by
NO LATER THAN AUGUST 13th.

March 29, 1990
3 Nisan 5750

Mr. Robert Lifton
President
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York, NY 10028

Dear Bob:

I liked your letter to Barzilay. I hope it gets published.

It was good being with you.

Cordially,

Alexander M. Schindler

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September 18, 1986
14 Elul 5746

Howard M. Squadron, Esq.
551 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Howard:

It was good to learn that the American Jewish Congress will award to Mortimer B. Zuckerman the 1986 Stephen S. Wise Award. This is a wonderful tribute to Mr. Zuckerman for his contributions to so many important causes.

Unfortunately, I am unable to add my name to the Committee of Sponsors. I try very hard to limit use of my name and most especially for programs and functions which I am unable to give time to. Such is the case with your dinner, for I myself cannot attend as I have a previous commitment to be in Worcester, Massachusetts on November 19. And as President of the Union I must use great caution in terms of use of my name for other organizations, no matter how worthy.

I do hope you understand my position and I thank you for that. I also express my very warm good wishes for a successful and wonderful evening of tribute.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



Americans United for Separation of Church and State

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July 26, 1984

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
President, The Union of American
Hebrew Congregations
838 - 5th Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Thank you for your efforts to have the American Jewish Congress sign on with us for the Vatican case. Though I understand their concerns, we would have welcomed their support.

I look forward to future opportunities to work with you in the cause of religious liberty.

Sincerely,

R L Maddox

Dr. Robert L. Maddox
Executive Director

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July 16, 1984

Dr. Robert L. Maddox
Executive Director
Americans United for Separation of
Church and State
8120 Fenton Street
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Dr. Maddox:

Your letter of July 5, 1984 concerning the proposed lawsuit challenging the President's recognition of the Vatican was sent to Henry Siegman by Rabbi Alexander Schindler. Mr. Siegman has asked me reply.

The Governing Council of the American Jewish Congress considered the question of American Jewish Congress participation in a legal challenge to that action at its February, 1984 meeting. At that time, it resolved "to take no action at this time on the appointment of William Wilson as Ambassador to the Holy See." The possibility of participating in litigation such as Americans United now proposes to initiate was considered, and rejected, by the Governing Council.

Sincerely yours,

M. D. Stern
Marc D. Stern

cc: Rabbi Alexander Schindler ✓

cc to Rev.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 12, 1984

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Alex:

Thank you for your letter of July 9 and the attached correspondence from Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

I have forwarded the material to our Commission on Law and Social Action, and I will certainly let you know if we decide we can join Americans United in the proposed challenge.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Henry Siegman

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September 15, 1986

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

As Chairman of the 1986 American Jewish Congress Stephen S. Wise Award Dinner, it is my pleasure to announce that this year's honoree will be my friend, Mortimer B. Zuckerman, Chairman and Founder of Boston Properties, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of U.S. News & World Report and Chairman of The Atlantic magazine. The gala event will take place on Wednesday evening, November 19, 1986 in the Grand Ballroom of The Pierre, New York City.

AJCongress is particularly pleased to be giving Mort its Stephen S. Wise Award, as he follows in a long tradition of distinguished individuals exemplifying the ideals of the organization and its dedication to the protection of our civil liberties and commitment and advocacy of social justice for all people in this country and abroad.

As Chairman of this event I am asking you to become a member of the Committee of Sponsors. In this role you can ensure both the social and financial success of the dinner, and have your name or the name of your company listed on the program as Guardian: \$25,000 and above; Benefactor: \$15,000 and above; Patron: \$10,000 and above, or Friend: \$5,000 and above. Tables of ten can be purchased for \$5,000. Please return the enclosed card as soon as possible so we may include you in the plans for the evening of the 19th.

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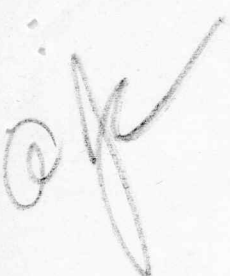
We hope that you will agree that this is not just another fundraising dinner but a commitment to the ideals the AJCongress represents and in recognition of the many significant contributions Mort Zuckerman has made in so many fields of endeavor.

Thank you. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Howard M. Squadron
Howard M. Squadron

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July 9, 1984

Rabbi Henry Siegman
Executive Director
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York, N.Y. 10028

Dear Henry:

The enclosed letter from American United for Separation of Church and State is self-explanatory.

I take the liberty of sharing it with you and hope that you and the American Jewish Congress can respond to the need. As you can see in the challenge to the appointment of a U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican there is a hefty roster of Presbyterians and Catholics but nary a Jewish organization. Since you were one of the strong voices condemning this appointment it occurred to me that the AJCongress might be willing to become a plaintiff in this law suit.

While I will be interested in your decision, I ask that you contact Dr. Maddox directly.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Dr. Robert L. Maddox