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Eban, Abba. Walter Cronkite introductions to recorded addresses.  
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June 2, 1999

**CONTENT OF AUDIOTAPES OF AMBASSADOR ABBA EBAN'S SPEECHES**

**AMERICAN JEWISH**

1. UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL -- JUNE 6, 1967
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- ✓ ✓ 8. SELECTED SPEECHES (SPEAKING AT GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, DC IN 1996)

4/3/00  
included with  
box of tapes

Dear Suzi,

Shabat Shalom. Here is a report on the Eban tapes.

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We received from Wylie Agency a typewritten document containing Walter Cronkite's introduction for eight speeches.

Of those eight speeches, we received audio tapes of four. The original tapes are black and we are sending you extra copies which are on white tapes.

Also included is a list that we made in our office. Our list matches the Cronkite list and the tapes that we did not receive are noted in bold.

At the end of our list, we included a tape which was received by us but was not on the Cronkite list.

By matching the Cronkite list and our list, you can see the discrepancies

We think the dates on Cronkite's list for items #2 and #4 seem incorrect, and we have corrected them.

Aubrey's voice is strong, his articulation clear, emphasis is vigorous and line of argumentation brilliant. These are historic pieces to be cherished. His voice is historic, as are the matters he is discussing.

Regarding the monetary appraisal, I have no suggestion. It would seem to me that several thousand dollars for each one would be a minimal figure. A set of six tapes could be counted as a \$25,000 item. But that is just my opinion and I have no idea how to make an official appraisal.

Love to you both,

Herb

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### Not On Cronkite's List:

- q. Selected Speeches - Speaking at George Washington University, Washington DC in 1996 (Sides 1 & 2) (**No Cronkite Introduction**)

**AGENDA**

**Phil Gartenberg - August 7, 2000**

I. Financial

1. Total Contributions : \$303,218.75
2. Any interest income?
3. Total distributions :
  - 1999 → \$120,000
  - 2000 to July → \$70,000
  - Total → \$190,000.00
4. Solicit another \$100,000? - I can do.

Balance Available: \$113,218.75

II. Library Purchase

Ronald Lauder - for Interdisciplinary Center.

III. Eban Efforts to which he agreed, but never came off:

1. Personal reception for large individual contributors.
2. Large party at house, May 1999.
3. Making videotape.

IV. Eban Solicitations on behalf of Eban Center:

Wallach -	\$20,000
Rothschild -	waiting for reply
Dina Recanati -	\$100,000
Vivian D. Clore -	waiting for reply
Sheldon Solow -	waiting for reply

V. Eban's Condition

1. Physical - wheel chair
2. Mental - Aphasia



June 30, 1999  
From: Herbert A. Friedman  
To: Philip Gartenberg

ABBA EBAN CONSULTANCY PROGRAM CONTRIBUTORS

David Arnow 1114 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10036	\$2,500
Robert Arnow 1114 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10036	\$10,000
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Lawrence M. Cohen P.O. Box 101 Greensboro, NC 27402-0101	\$5,000
Bertram J. Cohn First Manhattan Co. 437 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10022	\$10,000
Stewart Colton The Colton Family Foundation 232 Hartshorn Drive Short Hills, NJ 07078	\$10,000
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\$10,000

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**Total: \$303,218.75**

GENERAL INTRODUCTION by WALTER CRONKITE

Israel's former Foreign Minister, Abba Eban, has long been recognized as one of the most articulate and inspiring statesmen on the world stage. All who are familiar with his work and style will listen with interest to the taped record of his most significant speeches from 1948 to 1968.

Here, in the masterly chronicle by the man who has been his country's voice at the tribunals of world opinion since the establishment of the State of Israel over three decades ago, is an unequalled picture of the young country in the decades of its modern national freedom.

The chronicle opens with a glance several decades back to the unforgettable first day of Israel's independence when Arab armies sought to crush its independence and to prevent its appearance on the world scene. Abba Eban surveys all that has occurred since then, and finds that despite many dark clouds, the brave ambitions of that summer morning have not played us false.



(2)

ABBA EBAN

He first achieved international prominence in May 1948 with a powerful address presenting the case for Jewish statehood before the Political and Security Committee of the U.N. With the admission of Israel to the U.N. a year later, he was appointed Permanent Representative of the Israel Delegation.

In September 1950, Mr. Eban presented his credentials as Ambassador to the United States. Then 35 years of age, he was the youngest official to hold a position of such rank in Washington. Those who witnessed Israel's crises and achievements of statesmanship in those fateful years will readily recall how Mr. Eban carried out both functions with rare distinction. In 1966, Mr. Eban became the Foreign Minister of Israel, with what courage and honor all the world now knows.

Born in South Africa in 1915, Mr. Eban was brought up in England. After graduating with honors from Cambridge, where he specialized in Oriental languages, he was appointed to the Faculty of ~~Pembroke College~~, Cambridge University, as an authority on Hebrew, Arabic and Persian Literature.

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In 1940 he went to Jerusalem with the Allied Forces as Liaison Officer of Allied Headquarters. His role: To secure participation of Jewish volunteers in special missions in the Near East and Europe. Later, he became Chief Instructor at the Middle East Arab Center conducted by the British Army in Jerusalem. Mr. Eban remained in Jerusalem after the War to enter the service of the Jewish Agency, remaining with it until the establishment of Israel.

The cultivated oratory, the logic, force and with of former Foreign Minister Eban are well known in this country. Well known, too, are his scholarship in Middle Eastern affairs and his intense practical idealism.

"Those who build a bridge between different cultures," Mr. Eban once declared, "who deduce from history the material of social harmony...who find the common and the different factor in disparate civilizations - these by their scholarship and zeal can illuminate the paths of peace." This statement of his might well apply to the Foreign Minister himself.

The listener is then taken back to a year by year examination of Israel's fortunes at moments of historic decision. With Arab armies swarming over Israel, we find its eloquent envoy at the United Nations rejecting an Arab ultimatum calling for the abrogation of Israel's sovereignty.

"Whether they want peace or war" he said, "they can have it only with the Sovereign State of Israel."

Because it presents Abba Eban's major addresses made throughout Israel's years of triumphs and struggles, this audio-chronicle conveys a sense of participation in events of historic moment. All who follow the controversial history of this new nation will find Israel's positions authentically expressed

Abba Eban, former Foreign Minister of Israel, is regarded as one of the world's most eloquent and forceful diplomats.



CAPTIONS TO ABBA EBAN'S SPEECHES, READ BY WALTER CRONKITE

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MAY  
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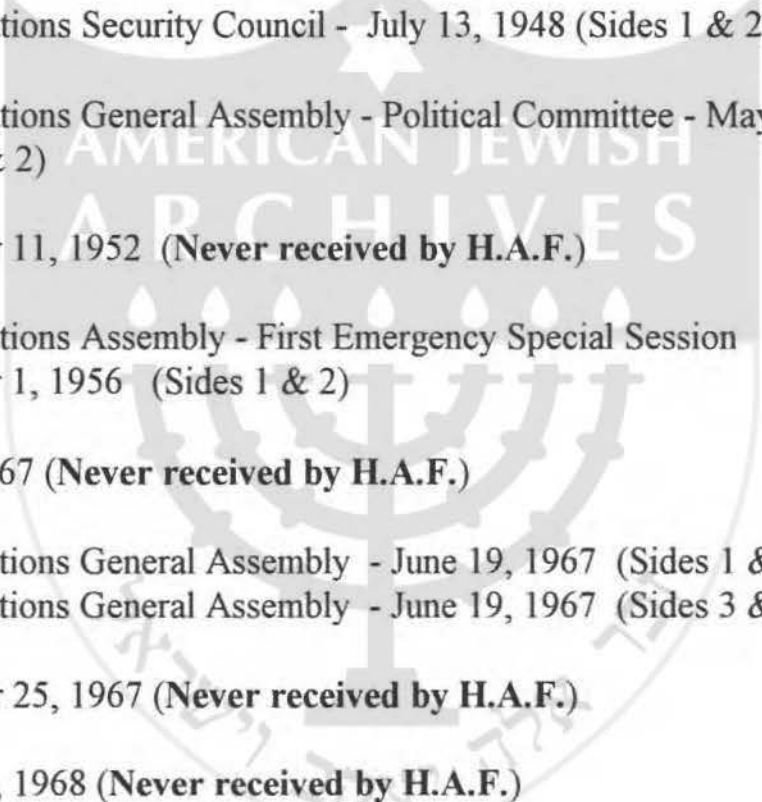
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Rabbi Friedman,

Suzy Eban asked me to fax you this material. It contains a brief introduction to the speeches and Walter Cronkite's introductory remarks made each speech. (The date each speech was given is indicated on the sheets containing Mr. Cronkite's remarks.)

I will call you next week to see if you have any questions. This material is very important to Suzy and Ambassador Eban. They consider it a critical component of Mr. Eban's legacy. Thus, if there is some way you can help them release it on audiotapes, it would please them greatly.

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HERBERT FRIEDMAN

1/27/00

Spoke with:

Sara Crowe

Wylie Agency

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She never had the Cronkite  
audio tapes.

She sent the manuscripts of C.'s  
introductions to Eban's  
assistant.

She has no idea where the  
audio tapes might be.



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FROM: HERBERT FRIEDMAN

Message: Dear Suzi, Anita Aboulafia sent me  
Na Cronkite texts on paper. How do I get the  
oral presentation? Fondest love to you both.

Herb

# Fax

**To:** Sara Crowe**From:** Anita Aboulafia**Fax:** 586-8953**Date:** June 28, 1999**Phone:** 246-0069**Pages:** 7 including cover sheet**Re:** Walter Cronkite's Introduction**CC:**☐ **Urgent**☐ **For Review**☐ **Please Comment**☐ **Please Reply**☐ **Please Recycle****Comments:** Sara,

Here are the captions to Ambassador Abba Eban's speeches, as read by Walter Cronkite.



Anita

Fax:

Salome Gonzalez  
212 751 3739

Mr. & Mrs. Abba Eban

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