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THE AMERICAN ISRAELI POLITICAL CONTROL ASSOCIATION
AIPCA MEMORANDUM

WE KNOW WHERE YOU ARE, YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW WHERE WE ARE

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Ten Billion Dollar U.S. Loan Guarantees for Israel: Your Marching Orders

For years, we've outdone ourselves tossing out hoops for Congress to jump through. We're proud to say that we've surpassed even our own expectations with the \$10 billion loan guarantee—the ultimate hoop—and the most exorbitantly risky and outrageous proposition yet. Finally, our dream can become a reality. Here's how! First, we get some of our friends to believe, or at least pretend, that these are *really* loans which Israel will *really* repay. Then, we convince them that this is purely "humanitarian aid" with no relation whatsoever to the 40,000 new settlement units Israel announced last month. Finally, we hoodwink our friends into believing that Israel will still come to the peace talks in October after Congress gives it the \$10 billion in September. This might seem a bit much to expect—but then what are "friends" for?

Here are some of our winning arguments. You should study them.

Trust us, the money is for the immigrants:

- Israel had originally budgeted \$10 billion of its own funds over the next five years for such essential activities as building new settlements, maintaining thousands of defense forces in the West Bank and Gaza, and buying bulk supplies of rubber bullets. When Israel found out the Soviet immigrants were coming, it had to revise its spending plans and reallocate most of those funds to finance the massive resettlement. Now, with \$10 billion from the U.S. dedicated to the absorption, Israel has no need to disrupt its original plan.
- The successful absorption of Soviet immigrants over the next five years is Israel's second highest priority. Israel's first priority is figuring out how to continue getting handouts without having to give up a single inch of the "administered" territories.

Those "deep pockets" in the United States:

- "Guaranteeing loans" for Israel, up to \$2 billion a year for the next five years (we always say it this way so some people don't realize it's \$10 BILLION), is the best way we think the United States can justify sending Israel lots of money and not have too much to say about what Israel does with it. Guarantees are not grants—at this point, we can say truthfully that not one penny of U.S. government funds will be transferred to Israel through these guarantees. Later, however, when it's clear that Israel hasn't a snowball's chance in hell of paying them back, and that some U.S. banks are in danger of going belly-up, we plan to lobby Congress either to have these "loan guarantees" converted to grants, or to just bail out the banks (something Congress should be quite good at by then).

Many benefits for America:

- The U.S. will not need to figure out which critical domestic program—housing, job training, education—actually deserves all or part of the \$10 billion. One simple loan guarantee to Israel eliminates those tough decisions.
- Ted Koppel will have something else to talk about.
- Our staff are so busy lobbying Congress and producing memoranda such as this that they don't have the time to keep track of what members of Congress and the Senate we plan to target for removal in the next election.

Israel's ability to repay:

- Israel has never defaulted on a loan, and maintains a highly favorable debt portfolio by international standards. This has been a relatively easy feat, in that Israel only pays the interest on its loans, and as mentioned before, Congress manages to convert most of them to grants before any principal is actually due. In fact, AIPCA has been so successful in supporting Israel's financial interests that we are now offering a \$395 course at the Capital Hilton one weekend a month to borrower nations that would like to learn our highly-proven techniques.

An unusual "spoof" memorandum parodying the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC)-- "The Jewish Lobby"-- and now circulating on Capitol Hill.

Think about it.

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EDITORIAL

LOOK BACK IN CANDOR

Note: The following totally imaginary story never appeared in the totally imaginary Washington Post-Gazette, September 11, 1856.

Excitement at Thomas Hearing! Judge From Dixie Takes His Stand Nominee Plucks Many a Heartstring

Republican Senators sought unsuccessfully to learn Judge Beauregard T. Thomas's views on Slavery today. The Virginia-born jurist fended off questions by saying he was "duty-bound not to pre-judge a case now before the Supreme Court."

The much-bruited Confirmation Hearing was held amid the gathering storm of the Dred Scott Case, a suit by a Slave who claims he became a free man after living in Free Territory. It will be tested before the Supreme Court next term.

The tempest-tossed Scott Case has sundered the Nation in twain, and the colloquies at today's hearing divided along Party lines. Democrats are bent on swelling their pro-Slavery majority on the Court; they already tally six solid votes among the justices. The Southern-born Thomas is widely deemed to hold pro-Slavery views. Some Republican Senators oppose him for that reason.

At today's hearing Thomas granted them no succor. He was queried about an oration in which he quoted approvingly a statement by John C. Calhoun that "God has made the Negro an inferior being. Therefore, the Slave-owner has a property right in him under Natural Law." Thomas averred he had been speaking theoretically. When an inquisitor solicited his views on whether a Negro is a person, Judge Thomas said that to vouchsafe his meditations on this vexing question would be pre-judging a case. Asked if the people had not a right to know a Nominee's views on such rending issues, Thomas was reminded of his boyhood poverty, which he proceeded to describe, bringing tears of joy to the eyes of his Patrons.

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OH! WHAT A LOVELY DRUG WAR IN PERU

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Lima

The imperative to fight the drug war abroad—to attack something, even when, year after year, it doesn't work—has become a Washington constant. The latest theater is the Andes, where there is a new alliance between the United States and Andean armies to suppress cocaine production. Military aid is already flowing to Colombia and to Bolivia, where \$35 million and 112 Green Berets have gone to equip and train the Bolivian Army in infantry tactics to fight drugs.

For the Bush Administration, however, the missing link is Peru. In a surprising move, before the August recess three Congressional subcommittees that oversee antidrug aid voted to put a temporary hold on Peru's \$95 million for 1991. A fourth subcommittee recommended that \$50 million be allowed under a "national security waiver." So far, Peru's military receives no antidrug money (elite police units, however, have been trained by Green Berets since 1989). The reason: human rights. Between June 21 and July 14, this is just some of what happened in Peru:

§ Antiterrorism police (nicknamed "the Rambo's" for their brutality) detained a 27-year-old medical student and two minors in the Lima port town of Callao. The detentions were filmed by two television crews. Within the hour, all three were dead, victims of on-the-spot executions as "suspected subversives."

§ An Amnesty International delegation visiting the department of Junín found that disappearances—a total of sixty-three for this year alone—and extrajudicial executions in 1991 are running ahead of the first six



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