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JIMMY CARTER: WE ARE OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER!

Mr. President:

You said you weren't responsible for brother Billy's escapades with the PLO's best friend, Libyan dictator Qadaffi, or for Billy's anti-semitic ravings.

The White House said you had nothing to do with your sister Ruth Carter Stapleton's tour early this year of Arab capitals, subsidized by an Arab businessman, during which she was quoted as saying she wanted to meet Yasir Arafat.

You may not be, but we are our brother's keeper!

When this evening marks the 28th anniversary of the brutal murder by Stalin of Russia's 24 leading Jewish intellectuals, we remember.

When Anatoly Sharansky, Joseph Mendelevich, Ida Nudel and other Soviet Jewish Prisoners of Conscience suffer in agony in harsh labor camps and in Siberian exile, we cry out.

When you, Mr. President, undermine your own Democratic Party's platform and seek to tear out the Jewish soul, Jerusalem, by arbitrarily dividing it again after 13 years of peaceful unity, we will not remain silent.

Did you know, Mr. Carter, that just outside the American Consulate in East Jerusalem -- whose officials meet regularly with PLO supporters -- are some large, old stones. They are the remains of Jerusalem's northern wall, erected by a sovereign Jewish kingdom over 2000 years ago, when neither Washington, London, Paris nor Bonn existed. We don't question America's right to its capital, nor other countries to theirs -- so why deny Jewish sovereignty over its capital since the time of King David?

Today, we blow the *shofars*, the rams' horns which have since ancient times symbolized the calls to repentance and action.

Mr. Carter -- repent! Let Israel pursue peace with its neighbors without crude, heavyhanded pressure. Keep Jerusalem united!

Mr. Carter -- act! Pursue every means to achieve human rights in the USSR. Make sensitivity to human rights a basis of future American-Soviet relations. Help Sharansky, Mendelevich and Nudel, as well as the many other Soviet Jewish prisoners, join their loved ones again in a united, peaceful Jerusalem.

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