

Cairo, 30/12/93

Dear General Shahak,

I think that the Cairo meetings of the Palestinian-Israeli Liaison Committee have been quite helpful in advancing common understanding on some difficult issues. I understand you have received the documents we faxed Foreign Minister Peres this morning.

Chairman Arafat has found many of the points in the documents agreeable. He has also expressed a number of reservations. If you have positive responses to any of them please fax these responses to me. Otherwise, the reservations could be taken up in our coming negotiations. Chairman Arafat's reservations are the following:

1) A Palestinian officer on the barriers of the bridge and the crossing points

2) Gaza - Jericho residents will not go through the Israeli window in the terminals. Israelis can check their identity in an invisible way.

3) For the Jericho Area, the following should be added

a. The Nebi Musa (not religious affairs only)

b. Al-Maghtas (not only pilgrimage)

c. The Lido on the Dead Sea

d. Passages to connect the terminals to the Jericho Area

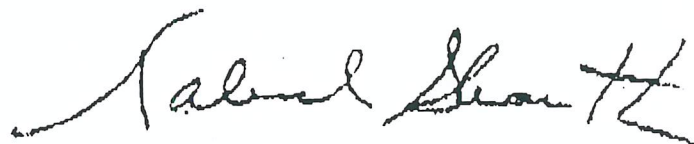
4) The Temporary International Presence as stated in the Oslo agreements.

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Resuming the negotiations in Taba on Monday 3, 1994 is acceptable to us. We could start immediately with the task of drafting the total agreement.

Finally, I would like to wish you a happy new year and to look forward to meeting with you in Taba,

Sincerely,



Nabeel Shaath