

ראש הממשלה  
THE PRIME MINISTER

17 September 1978

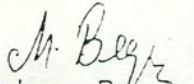
Dear Mr. President,

I have the honor to inform you that during two weeks after my return home I will submit a motion before Israel's Parliament (the Knesset) to decide on the following question:

If during the negotiations to conclude a peace treaty between Israel and Egypt all outstanding issues are agreed upon, "are you in favor of the removal of the Israeli settlers from the northern and southern Sinai areas or are you in favor of keeping the aforementioned settlers in those areas?"

The vote, Mr. President, on this issue will be completely free from the usual Parliamentary Party discipline to the effect that although the coalition is being now supported by 70 members out of 120, every member of the Knesset, as I believe, both on the Government and the Opposition benches will be enabled to vote in accordance with his own conscience.

Sincerely yours,

  
Menachem Begin

The President  
Camp David  
Thurmont, Maryland

א. מכתב ראש הממשלה לקרטור 17.9.1978:

אדוני הנשיא,

אני מתכבד להודיעך כי במשך שבועיים ימים לאחר שובי הביתה אגיש הצעה לפני בית המחוקקים של ישראל (הכנסת) להחליט בשאלה דלקמן:

אם יוסכם במשך המשא ומתן לכריתת חוזה שלום בין ישראל ובין מצרים על כל הנושאים התלויים ועומדים, האם הנך בעד הוצאתם של המתישבים הישראליים משטחי סיני הצפוניים והדרומיים, או שאתה בעד השארותם של המתישבים הנזכרים בשטחים אלה.

ההצבעה, אדוני הנשיא, על שאלה זו תהא חופשית לחלוטין מן המשמעת המפלגתית הפרלמנטרית הרגילה, כך שאף על פי שהקואליציה נתמכת עתה על ידי 70 חברים מ-120, כל חבר הכנסת, כפי שאני מאמין, הן מספסלי הממשלה והן מספסלי האופוזיציה, יוכל להצביע בהתאם למצפונו.

בכנות שלך,

מנחם בגין



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Dear Mr. President,

I have the honor to inform you that during the agreed period for negotiations for the conclusion of the Peace Treaty, no new settlements will be established by the Government of Israel in Sinai, in the Gaza District and in the areas of Judea and Samaria.

Sincerely yours,

*M. Begin*  
Menachem Begin

The President  
Camp David  
Thurmont, Maryland

משרד החוץ

מחלקת הקשר

בלתי מסווג

מברק נכנס

ב, מכתב רוהמי לקרטרי:-

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17 SEPTEMBER 1978

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT ON 28 JUNE 1967-- ISRAEL'S PARLIAMENT ( THE KNESSET) PROMULGATED AND ADOPTED A LAW TO THE EFFECT: " THE GOVERNMENT IS EMPOWERED BY A DECREE TO APPLY THE LAW, THE JURISDICTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE TO ANY PART OF ERETZ ISRAEL ( LAND OF ISRAEL- PALESTINE), AS STATED IN THAT DECREE" .

ON THE BASIS OF THIS LAW, THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL DECREE IN JULY 1967 THAT JERUSALEM IS ONE CITY INDIVISIBLE, THE CAPITAL OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

SINCERELY,

MENACHEM BEGIN.



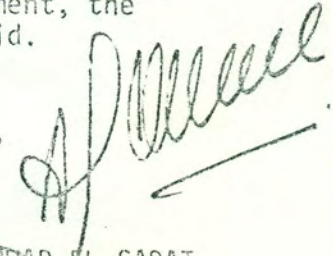
September 17, 1978

Dear Mr. President,

In connection with the "Framework for a Settlement in Sinai" to be signed tonight, I would like to re-affirm the position of the Arab Republic of Egypt with respect to the settlements:

1. All Israeli settlers must be withdrawn from Sinai according to a time-table within the period specified for the implementation of the peace treaty.
2. Agreement by the Israeli Government and its constitutional institutions to this basic principle is therefore a pre-requisite to starting peace negotiations for concluding a peace treaty.
3. If Israel fails to meet this commitment, the "Framework" shall be void and invalid.

Sincerely,

  
MOHAMED ANWAR EL SADAT

His Excellency Jimmy Carter  
President of the United States

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

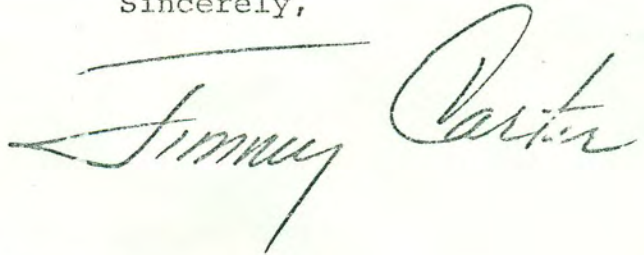
September 22, 1978

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have received your letter of September 17, 1978, describing how you intend to place the question of the future of Israeli settlements in Sinai before the Knesset for its decision.

Enclosed is a copy of President Sadat's letter to me on this subject.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Enclosure:

Letter from President Sadat

His Excellency  
Menachem Begin  
Prime Minister of Israel