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MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE MATT CONNELLY:

Dear Matt:

The President may be interested in a conversation I had with Justice Frankfurter about midnight last night on the Palestine report.

Justice Frankfurter, as you probably know, is perhaps the most prominent supporter of Palestine in public life today among the Jews, and has been for many years. The great Zionist leader in this country and in the world, for many years, was Justice Louis D. Brandeis. Frankfurter and Brandeis had been intimate friends for many, many years. Frankfurter said to me, after reading the report, "I have only one regret". My heart sank a little bit and then Frankfurter continued, "My regret is that Justice Brandeis did not live to see this report. He would have called it a miracle". Then Frankfurter launched into a tirade against Silver and the other Zionist leaders who, he says, prefer a Jewish State on paper rather than doing something real for human beings.

I asked Justice Frankfurter if he had any objection to my quoting him on this and he said he did not and he would be glad to have me do so. You may be certain that I will use this to the limit with our friends in New York the next couple of days.



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