

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Submarine Base, Key West, Florida
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Dear Eddie:


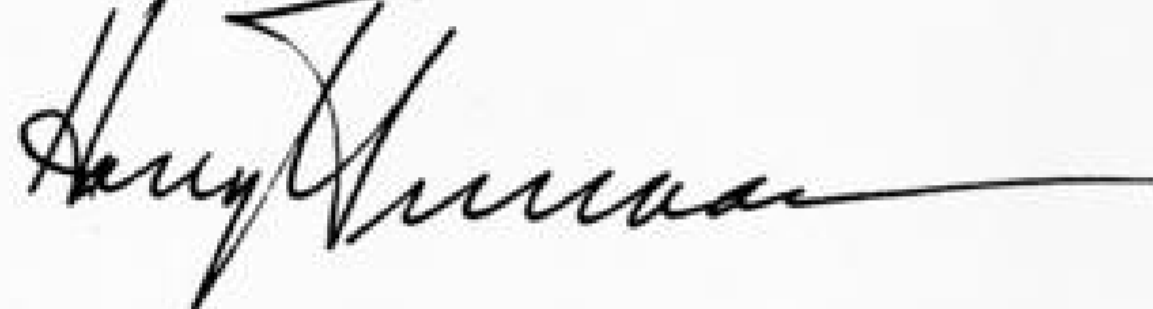
Your telegram reached me after I had arrived in Florida. I was very sorry that I did not have a chance to see Dr. Weizmann, but there were just too many things to be finished up in Washington before I left there. My schedule was so very crowded that I simply couldn't get him in. There wasn't anything he could say to me that I didn't already know, anyway. I had also made it a policy not to talk with anyone regarding the Palestine situation until the Security Council of the United Nations has had a chance to act on our suggestion for a police force to enforce partitioning.

The situation has been a headache to me for two and a half years. The Jews are so emotional, and the Arabs are so difficult to talk with that it is almost impossible to get anything done. The British, of course, have been exceedingly noncooperative in arriving at a conclusion. The Zionists, of course, have expected a big stick approach on our part, and naturally have been disappointed when we can't do that.

I hope it will work out all right, but I have about come to the conclusion that the situation is not solvable as presently set up; but I shall continue to try to get the solution outlined in the United Nations resolution.

I hope everything is going well with you.

Sincerely yours,



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