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For: Hillary

From: Sid  
Re: AIPAC speech

This memo does not address specific policy initiatives.

What I've written are options. Use what you like, or none at all. Here are some ideas:

1. Hold Bibi's feet to the fire, remind everyone he was at Wye, his key participant event in the peace process, and that it was successful.
2. Reassure all players of our commitment to the process and the solution (whatever the language is).
3. Perhaps most controversial, I would argue something you should do is that, while praising AIPAC, remind it in as subtle but also direct a way as you can that it does not have a monopoly over American Jewish opinion. Bibi is stage managing US Jewish organizations (and neocons, and the religious right, and whomever else he can muster) against the administration. AIPAC itself has become an organ of the Israeli right, specifically Likud. By acknowledging J Street you give them legitimacy, credibility and create room within the American Jewish community for debate supportive of the administration's pursuit of the peace process. Just by mentioning J Street in passing, AIPAC becomes a point on the spectrum, not the controller of the spectrum. I suggest a way how to do this below.

Some language:

1. On US national security interest, Israel's security and the peace process:

The reason the US has always supported Israel since the moment President Harry S. Truman decided to recognize the State of Israel is that it is in the US national security interest and consistent with our values. It is in our interest to support a thriving democracy in the Middle East that upholds human rights, a belief in the dignity of all and a decent respect for others. Israel has no oil; it stands for values. Given the strategic nature of the region, it has always been in the national security interest of the US, and the interest of the Western alliance, to forge peace between Israel and its neighbors—and now to forge the most important peace of all, between Israel and Palestine. Through administrations of both Democrats and Republicans, the US has been devoted to protecting Israel by pursuing peace. The peace process has gone on now for almost two generations, nearly forty years. Every agreement made with the US acting as the honest broker has advanced both the US national security and Israel's. The US has made it possible for leaders to bridge differences that once seemed unbridgeable, even the opening of the Allenby Bridge. The existential threat once posed by Egypt and Jordan has been dramatically diminished by the peace process. Sadat, King Hussein and Arafat all participated through difficult negotiations in making progress toward a long term solution. And Israeli prime ministers, from Begin to Rabin, and not least of all, Benjamin Netanyahu, signed peace accords—not least

Netanyahu, I remind you, who signed the Wye River Accord that x, y, z, etc. And all of these steps built more security for Israel. History is on the side of those who pursue peace. History is on our side. Over the decades the US has guaranteed the security of the State of Israel and demonstrated that the values we share are vital to the development of respect for human rights throughout the region.

The pursuit of peace is ongoing. Here you might offer some anecdotes. Talk about your recent trips to the region and insert personal stories—for example, about women in the Kuwaiti parliament, whatever else might have struck you and is relevant to your larger points.

We must succeed because so much is at stake. And we can succeed. Above all, it is the right thing to do for our country and for Israel. Success is within our ability to achieve it. This is not an impossible dream. Begin and Sadat once seemed an impossible dream. But it happened. Rabin and Arafat once seemed an impossible dream. Netanyahu and Arafat at Wye seemed an impossible dream. However frustrating the process may seem at any given moment, we should not lose sight of the history that stands behind us as example and encouragement to continue moving forward.

To those who say peace is impossible and that we are condemned to conflict, I say that differences in places of centuries old ethnic and religious conflicts are in fact being bridged today. Cite Northern Ireland. Throw a bouquet, if you like, to Mitchell on his earlier role there. Indeed, the man who helped to bring peace to Northern Ireland is now working to bring success to Israel and Palestine. We are not condemned to perpetual conflict by history. There is an alternative history—the history of how we have overcome and resolved seemingly unbridgeable differences to make peace and create progress.

Regardless of any momentary differences, we must always keep our focus on a solution that guarantees Israel peace and security and grants Palestine statehood.

## 2. How to mention J Street:

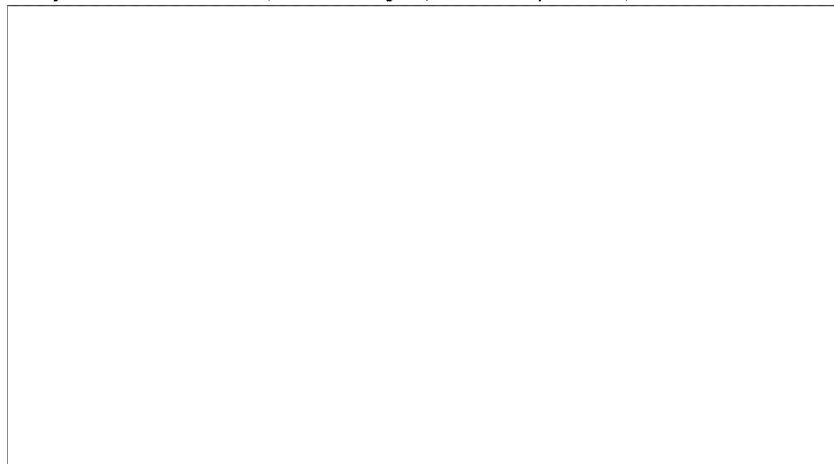
Some critics say that citizens presenting their views to their government is somehow wrong, that it is a lobby, as though the word "lobby" is not kosher. However, I welcome a healthy debate. Only through the marketplace of ideas will sound policies to help resolve complicated and seemingly intransigent problems be developed. This administration values everybody's views. They are important. You are important. We welcome views across the spectrum, from AIPAC to J Street. All these views are legitimate and must be heard and considered.

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