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The Reverend Glenn Plummer

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1		[START TAPE]
2		MR. JOEL FARKAS: Thank you, Senator
3	1:13:26	Dodd. Good afternoon. My name is
4		Joel Farkas. I'm from Denver and an
5		Honorary Chair of the AIPAC National
6		Summit. Support for Israel in the
7		United States transcends the Jewish
8		community. Seventy percent of
9		Americans say they support Israel,
10		and the overwhelming majority are
11		Christians. Israel's not a
12		republican or democratic value, it's
13		not a
14	1:13:56	Jewish or Christian value. It's
15		profoundly an American value. Today
16		as we prepare to go back to our
17		communities and hometowns, we are
18		honored to hear from someone who
19		exemplifies the diversity that makes
20		our movement strong. Reverend Glenn
21		Plummer is a pastor. He's also a
22		religious broadcaster and a rising
23		star in the pro-Israel community.
24	1:14:21	His ties to Israel are numerous and
25		deep. As a Christian, he sees the

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26		Jewish state as the modern
27		fulfillment of God's biblical promise
28		to Abraham. As a Black man, he sees
29	1:14:34	Israel as the first nation that went
30		to Africa to rescue rather than
31		enslave. As an American, he sees
32		Israel as his country's most reliable
33		ally in the Middle East. Reverend
34		Plummer's feelings are shared by
35		millions of Americans, yet precious
36		few have acted on those sentiments
37		with his level of passion. Reverend
38		Plummer helped found and now leads
39	1:14:59	the Fellowship of Israel and Black
40		America. The Fellowship of Israel
41		and Black America is an organization
42		specifically devoted to improving
43		ties between Israel and the African-
44		American community. He has begun
45		work on a documentary about Ethiopian
46		Jews and their modern day exodus to
47		the land of Israel, and during this
48		summer's conflict in Lebanon,
49	1:15:27	Reverend Plummer personally went to
50		Northern Israel and spoke out on

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51		behalf of Israel's right to defend
52		its people against terrorist attacks,
53		even as rockets flew overhead. Today
54	1:15:43	we are fortunate to have him here to
55		speak about strengthening the bonds
56		that already link African-Americans,
57		religiously motivated Christians, and
58		pro-Israel activists. Ladies and
59		gentlemen, please help me welcome
60		Reverend Plummer.
61		REVEREND GLENN PLUMMER: Thank you.
62		Thank you. It was almost 40 years
63		ago that another African-
64	1:16:20	American Christian pastor addressed a
65		very significant Jewish led
66		organization. The organization was
67		the American Jewish Committee. The
68		Black preacher was Dr. Martin Luther
69		King, Jr., and the year was 1967.
70		Dr. King, in addressing this
71		significant group, said these words -
72		today people all over the world
73		should be engaging in mass action to
74	1:17:01	protest anti-Semitism in the Soviet
75		Union. There is a danger of silence

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76		today. Now keep in mind this was
77		some 40 years ago by a Black
78		preacher. There is a danger of
79	1:17:15	silence today, which unintentionally
80		encourages evil to flourish. Albert
81		Einstein, Dr. King said, was right
82		when he said the world is in greater
83		peril from those who actively commit
84		evil. He said, did not President
85		Kennedy warn that those who do
86		nothing are inviting shame as well as
87		violence? Then he went on to say,
88		will the nation ever forget the
89	1:17:57	searing impact of Rabbi Joachim Prinz
90		- his demonstration as he spoke at
91		the march on Washington in 1963. I
92		want you to get the picture. Here is
93		Dr. King speaking to this audience
94		who are about to give him their
95		annual award, The Medallion. And
96		this is King reflecting back on the
97		speech that he gave in 1963, some
98		four years prior. A speech that this
99	1:18:37	nation and the world now remembers by
100		few words, I have a dream. What many

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101		people don't know is that as those
102		hundreds of thousands of folks were
103		on the Washington Mall, waiting on a
104	1:18:56	hot August Sunday - summer day,
105		waiting for King to come up and
106		speak, this rabbi from New Jersey was
107		scheduled to speak right before King.
108		You can imagine the nervousness he
109		probably had to feel because they
110		basically were there waiting for
111		King. And then he began to speak,
112		and he only spoke for about two
113		minutes. But his words so impacted
114	1:19:33	not only the moment, but King
115		himself. And I think Rabbi Prinz's
116		words should be echoed again today.
117		And this is what King said as he was
118		speaking to the American Jewish
119		Committee as he was quoting a part of
120		Rabbi Prinz's speech at the march on
121		Washington in 1963. When I was the
122		rabbi of the Jewish community in
123		Berlin, under the Hitler regime, I
124	1:20:08	learned many things. But the most
125		important thing that I learned in my

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126		life and under those tragic
127		circumstances is that bigotry and
128		hatred are not the most urgent
129	1:20:27	problem. The most urgent, the most
130		disgraceful, the most shameful, and
131		the most tragic problem is silence -
132		silence. Rabbi Prinz went on to say
133		a great people who created a great
134		civilization became a nation of
135		silent onlookers who remain silent in
136		the face of hate, in the face of
137		brutality, and in the face of mass
138		murder. And so I stand here as one
139	1:21:14	who has made a decision that I will
140		not be silent and that I will stand
141		with Israel. I'm not a politician.
142		I've asked myself several times, why
143		am I here? This is tall cotton, as
144		they say. And I reflected back on a
145		trip that I made to Ethiopia this
146		past June. I went with a camera
147		crew, and while there I had the
148		occasion to meet with the Ambassador
149	1:22:17	of Israel in Ethiopia. And out of
150		Zimbabwe was his office, where the

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151		embassy is. And while I was sitting
152		in his office there was a book on his
153		coffee table as we were talking, the
154	1:22:29	few of us, and I was so struck by
155		this book that - it's actually
156		published by the State of Israel.
157		It's called The Land of Promise.
158		It's a book that's in all of the
159		Israeli embassies around the world.
160		It is the story of the Jewish people.
161		Very simple read and it starts with
162		Abraham and comes to modern time.
163		And it's a soft back book, lot of
164	1:22:55	pictures, and lot of information. At
165		the very beginning of the book, the
166		introduction itself, there are
167		several statements of people in our
168		past. One of the first Presidents of
169		the United States - they were quote -
170		they quoted him regarding his
171		comments about Jewish people - Quincy
172		Adams. They quoted Abraham Lincoln.
173		They quoted Winston Churchill. They
174	1:23:25	quoted Mark Twain. But the statement
175		that jumped out at me in the book

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176		that's published by the State of
177		Israel, is the definition of Zionism
178		as given by Dr. Martin Luther King,
179	1:23:38	Jr. And so let me help some who may
180		be listening who still debate about
181		what is Zionism. The State of Israel
182		uses King's definition, and here's
183		what he said. How easy it should be
184		to understand and support the right
185		of the Jewish people to live in their
186		ancient land of Israel. All men of
187		goodwill exalt in the fulfillment of
188		God's promise that his people should
189	1:24:16	remain - I'm sorry, that his people
190		should return, in joy, to rebuild
191		their plundered land. This is
192		Zionism, nothing more, nothing less.
193		That's the end of King's quote. I am
194		51 years old and I've, I guess,
195		arrived at a point where I appreciate
196		history. I appreciate what happened
197		in the past. When I was very young,
198		I didn't quite have this
199	1:24:54	appreciation, as most young people
200		don't. And I was surprised as I

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201		tried to get an understanding - I've
202		been trying to learn the Hebrew
203		language, by the way. And I wanted
204	1:25:08	to know what the Hebrew word for
205		history is, and someone told me
206		historia, which, by the way, is a
207		Greek word. And so a friend here at
208		the summit said, no, there is a
209		Hebrew word. It is divrei ha yamim.
210		Did I say that right? It means the
211		words of the days, or the order of
212		things that happen. In fact one of
213		the books of the Bible,
214	1:25:40	Chronicles, as we say in English, is
215		that name. But modern Hebrew, when
216		referring to history, uses the Greek
217		word, historia. And that's because
218		the Jewish concept -- and I might add
219		the biblical concept -- of history is
220		not just the words of the days. It
221		is not just the order of things that
222		happened in the past. It's not just
223		chronicles that are written
224	1:26:11	somewhere. But instead the idea of
225		history to the Jewish people and how

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226		it's embodied in a Jewish word, is
227		the word zakhor, which means to
228		remember. See, it's one thing to
229	1:26:20	write the words in a book and put it
230		on a shelf, and the next generations
231		don't know what happened. But it's
232		quite another thing to remember what
233		happened in the past. You see, who
234		we are today is directly linked to
235		our history and our past. If I do
236		not know my history, I cannot even
237		know my identity. And if I don't
238		know my identity, how can I even try
239	1:27:03	and fulfill my destiny? Many well
240		meaning white Americans have said to
241		me in times past, even recently, why
242		do black leaders and black Americans
243		want to continue to talk about the
244		days of slavery? Why do you all want
245		to keep talking about the days of
246		segregation America? That stuff is
247		over. The laws are changed. Let's
248		go forward. Let's forget about what
249	1:27:36	happened there. I didn't have
250		anything to do with that. I wasn't a

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251		part of that. Let's forget it. And
252		do you know that I almost bought into
253		that, until I began to connect with
254	1:27:45	my Jewish friends. Come to find out
255		you don't buy that at all. You are
256		slaves three - oh, 3,500 years ago,
257		and you still have a day every year
258		that you tell your children, we were
259		slaves and we cannot remember - we
260		cannot forget. So to say to the Jews
261		just forget it. Slavery was in the
262		past. Are you kidding? Even more
263		insulting to say let's forget about
264	1:28:32	what happened in the holocaust. It
265		was in the past. I didn't have
266		anything to do with that. And so as
267		an African-American I cannot forget
268		my history because my history is
269		directly linked to who I am today.
270		You see, we, African-Americans and
271		Jews, have a very deep connection to
272		our history and to our past. We were
273		both slaves. You know, slavery does
274	1:29:09	have an impact on the psyche of the
275		children of the slaves many

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276		generations later. We read in the
277		Bible how they were in the wilderness
278		and at one point they wanted to go
279	1:29:23	back and they weren't allowed to
280		enter into the Promised Land. But it
281		was the next generation because there
282		was an effect on their psyche. That
283		was God's intention to never forget.
284		And so as African-Americans who had
285		slavery in our past - and by the way,
286		that's what distinguishes black
287		Americans from any other blacks in
288		the world, whether it's black
289	1:29:50	Brazilians or whether it's black
290		Nigerians or whether it's black
291		Caribbeans or whether it's black
292		Europeans, the distinction to black
293		Americans is that we had slavery for
294		hundreds of years in our past. And
295		as a result of that, that has caused
296		us to become a specific and
297		distinctive people group in the world
298		today. Now, we, as black Americans
299	1:30:18	and as Jews, we have some shared
300		pain. We have what I like to refer

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301		to as a fellowship of suffering. We
302		understand the pain of hatred, the
303		pain of bigotry, the pain of
304	1:30:36	brutality, the pain of torture, and,
305		yes, even expulsion, being ripped
306		away from your homeland and even mass
307		murder. We remember. By the way, I
308		was born in 1955, the year that Rosa
309		Parks wouldn't give up the seat on
310		the bus. So I wasn't old enough to
311		understand. When the Civil Rights
312		Bill was passed in Congress I was a
313		boy of nine years old. I was too
314	1:31:16	young to understand. When it was
315		signed into law by the president the
316		next year, Lyndon Baines Johnson, I
317		was ten, still not old to understand.
318		And so I had to be told, and as I
319		look back on those days, I found
320		something very fascinating. Not only
321		was there a struggle in America, but
322		there was a struggle within black
323		America. Do you know that there was
324	1:31:47	a struggle for the leadership of that
325		movement? Do you know that on the

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326		one hand there were these black
327		preachers led by King, and on the
328		other hand there were these black
329	1:31:59	Muslims lead by Elijah Mohammed and
330		the nation of Islam and Malcolm X,
331		his spokesperson. And there was even
332		a third group who was not really
333		religious on either side. They were
334		more what I would refer to as the
335		academia, the secular, the -
336		ultimately the black power of people
337		that embrace really somewhat of a
338		similar attitude that the black
339	1:32:22	Muslims did. Now the distinction
340		between those three groups is very
341		significant for you to understand in
342		the context of what we're talking
343		about today. Dr. King, who embraced
344		the Judeo-Christian bible and the God
345		of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, was on
346		one hand. This other group embraced
347		Islam, very different. King proposed
348		non-violence. The other group said
349	1:32:56	by any means necessary. We have the
350		right to defend ourselves, and it was

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351		a violent doctrine. But the
352		distinguishing part of King's
353		position as leadership is that King
354	1:33:11	chose to bless Israel, where the
355		other group openly cursed Israel.
356		And that's important for you to
357		understand because King embraced the
358		Bible, and Dr. King knew Genesis
359		chapter 12. He understood the story
360		of Abraham and God and their
361		discussion. King knew that God had a
362		specific instruction and conversation
363		with Abraham and said, I, God, will
364	1:33:38	make you, Abraham, a blessing. And
365		you will be a blessing to all the
366		nations of the earth. And really the
367		Lord was talking about him and his
368		descendants, Israel. King understood
369		that. But God didn't stop there.
370		God said and I will bless those who
371		bless you, and I will curse those who
372		curse you. King made a conscious
373		decision to bless Israel, and I am
374	1:34:12	here as a next generation to tell you
375		that the Lord honored his decision.

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376		And do you know that black America,
377		though they did not go to the voting
378		booth, had a choice between different
379	1:34:26	leaderships, and they chose Martin
380		Luther King, Jr., as its leader. And
381		they openly chose to embrace Jews and
382		Israel, and King in blessing Israel
383		brought about a blessing to black
384		America that he did not live to see.
385		And I represent the next generation,
386		where we were in the military,
387		allowed to be cooks and chefs. And
388		if we fought, we had to fight just
389	1:35:05	with black squadrons or divisions.
390		In - at that time, in universities -
391		many of the universities we could not
392		even apply to be students. We could
393		not apply for jobs in corporate
394		America. But in a short period of
395		time, shortest in any recorded
396		history of any people, including the
397		Jews, this people, which now numbers
398		35 million in America - more than the
399	1:35:36	total population of Canada - African-
400		Americans. This people almost

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401		suddenly, in perhaps one decade,
402		certainly two, were elevated to the
403		highest seat of the military,
404	1:35:57	elevated not only to be able to apply
405		to universities, but now we sit on
406		the board of regents. We're
407		presidents. Not only are we trying
408		to apply for jobs in corporate
409		America, now we sit on the boards.
410		Now we're CEOs. Now we run the major
411		cities of America. Now we sit in the
412		seat of the judicial branch of
413		government, to the highest place in a
414	1:36:27	very short period of time. The
415		blessing came to that people. And
416		I'm convinced - I'm convinced that it
417		came as a result of King's
418		leadership, of standing with Israel.
419		By the way, we remember that when
420		there was this battle with the black
421		Muslims internally, you should know
422		that among Christians, white
423		Christians wouldn't stand with those
424	1:37:07	black Christian leaders either. I
425		just completed leading the National

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426		Religious Broadcasters as its
427		Chairman and CEO from 2001 to 2005.
428		This is an organization of 1,700
429	1:37:25	organizations. I had a board of over
430		100 people and executive committee of
431		10. I was both CEO and Chairman of
432		the Board, 63-year-old organization,
433		first African-American to sit in that
434		position. I only say that to give
435		you a real context of where I'm
436		coming from, white evangelicalism,
437		and I'm an evangelical. On my board
438		was Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell,
439	1:37:55	James Dobson, the list goes on,
440		active board members. Jerry Falwell,
441		who wrote in a book after
442		apologizing, saying he was wrong,
443		represented a certain percentage of
444		white Christians in that day who were
445		openly against the civil rights
446		movement and had black ministers
447		arrested and was pro-segregation.
448		But Billy Graham, who by the way also
449	1:38:27	served on the board and his
450		organization, he also wrote a book

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451		asking for forgiveness and said he
452		was wrong, because he represented the
453		largest majority of white Christians
454	1:38:37	in the 50s and 60s who, though he was
455		not in agreement with the Falwell
456		position, he was silent. And he says
457		if he had to do it over again, Billy
458		Graham, he would speak up to the
459		wrong. Now I say that because I need
460		you to understand that white
461		Christians almost across the board
462		would not stand with those black
463		Christians during the Civil Rights
464	1:39:03	Movement. But you know who did? And
465		I want you to understand we zakhor.
466		We remember that Jews stood with us
467		when we needed a friend and when we
468		needed help, and I say thank you on
469		behalf of millions of African-
470		Americans. Thank you. Thank you.
471		Thank you. You need to know we
472		remember, and we say to Israel, when
473		Israel needs a friend, we will stand
474	1:39:48	with Israel as well. There are 35 -
475		there are 35 million African-

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476		Americans, as I mentioned. Eighty-
477		two percent consider themselves
478		Christian. Annual spending of
479	1:40:05	African-Americans, \$650 billion a
480		year - that's almost five times the
481		GNP of Israel - five times. If you
482		listed all the nations - the 240 some
483		odd nations of the earth in rank of
484		economic or their financial spending,
485		the GNP, per year, black America
486		would come somewhere in six or
487		seventh. In other words the blessing
488		did come, and we do have some money.
489	1:40:45	Earlier this year, along with Rabbi
490		Yechiel Eckstein, who, by the way, is
491		in Israel and asked me to send his
492		greetings to you today. He and I
493		founded an organization called the
494		Fellowship of Israel and Black
495		America. In other words we've
496		decided to do something - I decided
497		to do something about this more than
498		just have all this passion stirred up
499	1:41:08	inside of me. What can we do? And
500		so we began what we call FIBA. And,

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501		by the way, if you want to check us
502		out on the web it's projectfiba.org.
503		There's a - the National Basketball
504	1:41:25	Organization of Europe is called FIBA
505		also, so we had to put Project FIBA
506		before it - projectfiba.org. Our
507		goal - one of our goals -- we have
508		several -- is to mobilize 20% of
509		black America for Israel and the
510		Jewish people. And, by the way, by
511		the way, that's over a million more
512		people than there - than the total
513		Jewish population in America. We are
514	1:41:59	working to create chapters in every
515		major city in America. We want to
516		see African-Americans by the hundreds
517		of thousands make their journey to
518		Israel, which, by the way, is a
519		desire and dream of most African-
520		Americans in this country. You know,
521		if you went into the African-American
522		community and you asked, you know,
523		where is Mt. Zion? Where is Mt.
524	1:42:28	Moriah? Where is Mr. Carmel? Where
525		is Mt. Herman? You may be met with

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526		the answer, oh, that's the church
527		right around the corner over there,
528		because we have embraced the names of
529	1:42:43	Jewish sites - Israeli sites, I
530		should say, and it's common in the
531		black community all over America.
532		And so it is not a stretch to say
533		that millions of African-Americans
534		dream of going to Israel to the land
535		of the Bible - the holy land. We
536		want to activate and mobilize young
537		black Americans for Israel and for
538		Jewish people, and in fact we're
539	1:43:11	doing that. We want to educate both
540		- not only the African-American but
541		the Jewish community about each
542		other. We just completed our first
543		national summit on black/Jewish
544		relations in Detroit where we had
545		over 2,000 participants, both in the
546		Jewish and African-American
547		community, and everywhere in Detroit,
548		the newspaper, the television, the
549	1:43:36	Jewish community, the African-
550		American community, totally and

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551		consistently said it was a phenomenon
552		and it was phenomenal. The success
553		was off the chart, and we are
554	1:43:45	thankful to both Jews and blacks for
555		making it happen. In other words, it
556		- this can happen and it's not that
557		hard. Let me conclude, if I may, by
558		telling you that while Hezbollah was
559		launching those Katyusha rockets in
560		Israel - I went there for 12 days, as
561		was mentioned earlier. And while I
562		was in the van by some folks from the
563		Prime Minister's office who - you
564	1:44:25	know, I told them I wanted to go up
565		there. When I say up there I'm
566		talking about up north. And we got
567		in this van -- there were four of us
568		-- and we first drove to Haifa. And
569		in leaving from Haifa heading north
570		to Nahariya, where I wanted to go and
571		visit some Ethiopian Jews who were in
572		the absorption center, about 38 of
573		them who could not make it out.
574	1:44:58	There was over 250 of them. Most of
575		them were evacuated but they left

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576		about 38 because they didn't have any
577		families or home to go to. And so
578		here you have a city, Nahariya, that
579	1:45:09	was about 98% evacuated and you have
580		these Ethiopian Jews in this
581		absorption center while Hezbollah is
582		launching Katyusha rockets into the
583		city. And so, you know, I
584		experienced being in this van and
585		hearing the sirens before we even -
586		while we were leaving Haifa, and the
587		sirens were blaze - I'd never heard
588		anything that loud before. And I was
589	1:45:33	in a van on the highway and it was
590		that loud. And as we - we stopped in
591		the middle of the highway. You have
592		to stop in your car and get out. And
593		when the guy said, okay, get out, I -
594		I was in the front passenger side. I
595		looked at him, I said, get out and go
596		where? And he says just get out.
597		The cars had stopped on the highway.
598		We all got out and went to the side
599	1:45:54	of the road. There was one minute to
600		wait before the rockets would land

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601		and of course no one knows where it's
602		going to land, and for those 60
603		seconds I was sitting on the side of
604	1:46:02	the road having all kinds of thoughts
605		in my head, as where will this rocket
606		land? And it was an experience as an
607		American that I'd never even
608		considered before. Fortunately the
609		rocket didn't land close to us at
610		that time. And then we headed up to
611		the city, Nahariya, where these
612		Ethiopian Jews were. And we went in
613		there, and do you know that a
614	1:46:27	Katyusha rocket just landed in the
615		next building to them? Blew their
616		windows out. We went there - I could
617		still smell the smell of a Katyusha
618		rocket. African-Americans are not
619		only not aware of these Ethiopian
620		Jews in Nahariya or in absorption
621		centers. The story of the Ethiopian
622		Jews and Operation Solomon, Operation
623		Moses, is something that most
624	1:46:57	Americans - forget black Americans,
625		most Americans don't know that Israel

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626		I mean did something that no other
627		nation has ever done, has taken a
628		people of color and brought them out
629	1:47:11	of oppression and brought them out of
630		a place where they had all these
631		problems and brought them to a place
632		of safety and freedom, and let me
633		tell you, Israel should be applauded
634		for years and years and years to come
635		for what she did. Well, black
636		America - black America needs to know
637		that. Let me - my time is way over.
638		I apologize. Let me wrap this up by
639	1:47:38	saying this to you. To the chair,
640		Bernice - now let me get your last
641		name right - Manocherian? And to
642		President Howard Friedman, to Howard
643		Kohr, to my friend Jeff Mendelsohn,
644		let me extend my heartfelt thank you
645		for inviting me to such a tremendous
646		event. And let me say to you at
647		AIPAC, you are the example that this
648		- what we're trying to do at FIBA can
649	1:48:16	be done. You have shown that
650		Democrats and Republicans on this

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651		very platform can leave those labels
652		outside the door and come in here and
653		speaking with a single mind and speaking in
654	1:48:31	harmony and speaking in 100% support of
655		the same issue of standing with
656		Israel. And if you can do that --
657		you've shown it can be done -- then
658		we can do that with all these other
659		groups that are polarized and all
660		these other groups that are
661		separated. We can leave these labels
662		out the door - blacks and whites. We
663		can leave the labels out the door -
664	1:48:51	Christians and Jews. We can leave
665		the labels out the door, and we can
666		come in here together, and we can all
667		be in harmony. We can all say we
668		will not be silent. We will bless
669		Israel and not curse Israel. We will
670		remember. We will remember. We will
671		never forget, and let me say to you
672		at AIPAC, continue to do what you're
673		doing. We are standing with you, we
674	1:49:13	support Israel. Thank you so much
675		for hearing what we had to say. God

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676		bless you. God bless you. Thank
677		you.
678		MR. MELVIN DOW: I'm sure all of us
679	1:49:52	thank Pastor Plummer for his
680		friendship and for that powerful
681		message. All of us this morning were
682		fascinated with polling data about
683		various political races. I have some
684		very important, up-to-date polling
685		information to give you. The most
686		recent poll shows that 99.9% - 99.9%
687		of the people in this room like
688		matsias and bargains.
689	1:50:23	Therefore I want to remind you that
690		if you register at the conference
691		desk before leaving the hotel, you
692		can get \$150 discount off the price
693		of registration at the Policy
694		Conference in March and \$100 discount
695		off the price of registration at the
696		next summit in Philadelphia. So
697		don't pass up those matsias. Well,
698		this summit is winding down.
699	1:51:00	Together we have shared comradeship
700		for a couple of days. We have shared

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701		learning together. We have
702		reenergized our dedication to the
703		AIPAC mission. The success of the
704	1:51:16	summit did not happen by accident.
705		It took lots of work and lots of
706		commitment from lots of people.
707		First, thanks to all of you for
708		taking time from your busy schedules
709		to come here. You do so because you
710		understand the unique role of AIPAC
711		in nurturing the United States-Israel
712		relationship. Thanks to my fellow
713		co-hosts for all the planning
714	1:51:45	meetings and all the recruiting phone
715		calls. Thanks to the scholars who
716		taught us and to the senators and
717		members of Congress who addressed us.
718		And special thanks - special thanks
719		to the remarkable, dedicated AIPAC
720		staff, the talented - the talented,
721		knowledgeable experts who taught at
722		breakout sessions, and those behind
723		the scenes whom we don't see who
724	1:52:23	create the superb videos, who plan,
725		implement, and orchestrate the

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726		programs of unparalleled efficiency.
727		They make it happen. They deserve
728		our respect, our appreciation, our
729	1:52:41	gratitude, and another big round of
730		applause. Now as we part I know that
731		you join me in wishing the members of
732		our Senate Club Mission who are about
733		to go to Israel a safe and fulfilling
734		journey. On behalf of all the co-
735		hosts, I wish all of you a safe trip
736		home, even if it's only to Meyerland
737		or Memorial, and I look forward to
738		seeing you in Washington
739	1:53:12	March 11th through 13th at the AIPAC
740		Policy Conference there. Thank you,
741		goodbye, and Shalom.