My dear Governor Brown:

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of April 28th, which was forwarded to me from New York and has just caught up with me here in Nice where we are spending a few days after our two weeks' visit to Israel.

Our trip to our little sister republic was most enjoyable. We were deeply impressed by the almost incredible progress and growth which has come since our last visit ten years ago. We covered the country from one end to the other and had the privilege of meeting many of the important government officials as well as a great many private individuals. We found the spirit of the people extremely high. They are really militantly democratic and deeply spiritual.

Israel is, in my opinion, the one hope of bringing democracy to the Near East and of raising the standard of living of the Arab countries. The people of Israel are eager to live in peace with their neighbors and to help them wherever possible. The country, unfortunately, is confronted with many dangers and serious problems. I am confident, however, that these will be overcome in time.

I hope that you are well and that I will have the pleasure of seeing you soon.

Kindest personal regards.

Yours,