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I Choose the Jews

This is the counting time. As President Bush said, you are either for us or against us in the World War on Terrorism (WW-T). Prime Minister Sharon said the same thing about the terrorists attacking the Jewish state of Israel. For what it is worth, count one for Israel. My reasons reach beyond the current government and today's conflict. Now, and as long as I breathe, I choose the Jews. Under the conditions listed below, *I choose the Jews*:

- 1 **Without rose-colored glasses...**although every U.S. Army and Marine officer I know who served in Israel or Lebanon in the 70/80s deployed ardently pro-Israel and returned with a cynical eye on our 'ally' and sympathy for the common Arab. Israel is an ally of necessity, not loyalty, who will sell our military technology secrets to the highest bidder. Israelis can be brutal, imperialistic and arrogant.
- 2 **Without religious illusion...**because I am not a glassy-eyed Christian who confuses the modern socialist state of Israel with the devout, albeit fickle, Israel of Moses and David in the Bible. The Jews are God's chosen people, but this Israel, as a temporal government, is not under God's protection (Genesis 12:3).
- 3 **With great sympathy...**as I am heartbroken for Arabs caught in the crossfire –

especially Christian Arabs. My Christian brothers and sisters choose ethnic loyalty today over future religious freedom. They fight along side radical Islamicists, who will persecute them, while Muslim Arab citizens of free Israel do not take up arms. I am sorry for the innocent Arabs just born in the wrong place.

4 Even if many hate me...and I know liberal, secular American Jews despise me as a political conservative and as an evangelical Christian. The liberals' hatred of my politics, faith, and worldview doesn't define my loyalties. My choice is based on my reckoning. I choose to support Jews because they understand freedom – and will fight for it.

5 In Israel...for whatever the Israelis must do to defeat the terrorists who murder their civilians and to protect themselves. Even if the Jews are in an Old Testament-like struggle for survival – and land – at terrible, bloody cost to their enemies, I count the tragedy as a cost of war. In a conflict of incompatible cultures – a free Western society vs. an expansionist Islamic dictatorship – the Jews must do whatever they need to do to win.

6 At home in America...without knee-jerk support for our decades of financial welfare for Israel, I choose to support the Jews here. The tiny Jewish minority fought in our American Revolution and wove themselves into the fabric of Old Glory ever since. America is a Judeo-Christian culture – the unique place where it is safe to be a proselytizing Christian and practicing Jew. This is our country,

where immigrants are welcome, but no one is going to take it away from us.

7 **Despite the odds...**of the Islamic population bomb in Israel, the Middle East, Europe and America, I remember the size of Gideon's army and fear not. Even if it is the entire world against the United States and Israel, I support the Jews without qualification. If there is a monumental clash of cultures, even if it lasts a century or more – Islam vs. the West with the courage to fight – then this is our fight. Our freedom is at stake.

8 **Despite the consequences...**if this brings nuclear, chemical or biological war to our country, we must choose freedom over fear. Raging Islamicists may bring more terror than September 11th to our shores. We, Americans, will survive any attack. If our support for Israel invites an Islamicist attack on our Nation, then so be it. We will defeat any enemy in a righteous self-defense.

9 **With love and without compromise...** I will do all I can in Republican political activism, writing and in teaching my family and friends to choose the Jews. I understand the threats. This old soldier is subject to recall until age 60, but I doubt that I will go. Yet, Jews will know no more loyal friends, than those of us who believe in the Bible, worship Jesus as Lord, and love God with all of our heart, mind, strength and soul as the worldview for *our love of liberty*. My 'people' weren't afraid to fight for freedom against terrible odds in 1776, 1861 and to defend freedom ever since. I pray that my descendants will be devout

evangelical Christians, freedom-loving Americans, and proudly say “I choose the Jews.”

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