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WELCOME ADDRESS BY MR. LEVI ESHKOL, PRIME MINISTER
AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF ICELAND:

LOD AIRPORT

NOVEMBER 1, 1964.

Mr. Prime Minister and Mrs. Benediktsson,

1. I know that I speak in the name not of the Government alone

but of the entire people of Israel when I welcome you in our midst

with our ancient greeting - "Shalom u'vruchim habai m" -

Peace and blessings upon those who come to us!

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2. The sentiments of friendship and affinity that are felt in Israel towards Iceland are in no way diminished by the distance of space that divides us. Your people, struggling for centuries against the cruel elements, have succeeded in establishing on your Island a society of brave and steadfast men and women, devoted to national traditions and resolute in the constant renewal of their values.

The Board of Directors, Inc. of the State of New York

has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst.

in relation to the proposed merger of the State of New York and the State of New Jersey

and to advise you that the same has been referred to the Board of Directors

for their consideration and they will advise you of their decision in due season

Very truly yours,
Secretary

Enclosed for you are the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors

3. Icelandic history has been shaped by different forces from those that moulded ours. But you and we are one in love of peace, in dedication to democracy, in readiness to face every challenge of creative work.

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in relation to the matter mentioned therein.

I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time.

Very truly yours,

4. With so much in common already, I feel sure that the week that you will be spending in Israel as our honoured guests, apart from the personal interest which I hope it may afford you, will bring about a further strengthening of the friendly links that join our two nations in close and harmonious attachment.

Welcome to Israel!

I feel that I have been very successful in my work.

It is a pleasure to have you all here and I hope you will

enjoy the trip and the company of your friends.

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