

# From Israel, With Love



**From:** The Office of the Prime Minister,  
The Honorable Ariel Sharon

**To:** Mr. Norman Podhoretz,  
*Commentary* magazine, New York

My dearest Poddy, let me start by congratulating you on your latest masterpiece. A 37-page defense of the Bush administration's foreign policy was as brilliant a stroke as my so-called Gaza pullout. The last time we spoke I was a bit rough with you. It's been hot as hell down here, I'm a bit overweight, and as I get older I tend to become more and more impatient. Although it was my idea that you should write this, I am the first to admit that no one could have done it better.

Incidentally, and before I get down to serious matters, I had the pleasure of meeting with your boy John when I was last in Washington. He had flown down from New York to pay his respects, and I gave him lunch at the embassy. Again I must congratulate you. John has a very healthy appetite. If memory serves he had 14 matzo balls, three servings of gefilte fish, innumerable knishes, and more blinis than the Palestinians have terrorists. Thank God the goy Rupert Murdoch is picking up his food bills. Another meal like that and we'd have to ask for more credits from Junior. But back to the problems at hand.

As you know, I am determined to attack the ayatollahs under the pretense of their nuclear threat. Iran was, is, and always will be a threat to the region. At least this is what we want the world to think. With "World War IV: How it Started, What it Means, and Why We Have to Win," you have eased the way for me to start hostilities. Of course, we have to be smarter than before. Until now we always focused attention on

Iran by claiming that it presents the greatest threat to Israel. We have repeatedly warned that we might hit them. But after having witnessed the mess Junior made in Iraq—I warned the boy that he would come up with nothing unless he allowed us to plant some weapons of mass destruction—those God-awful Europeans and even the idiotic Americans will not be fooled as easily this time around. Ergo, how prescient your World War IV is.

As you know, dear Poddy, inventing nonexistent threats against Israel has done for my career what off-tackle plays did for Vince Lombardi. (You didn't know that I'm a football fan.) No, what we have to do is to convince the great American public that Iran poses a strategic threat to the United States, nothing less.

Alas, the attack on Iraq had the opposite effect of what I expected. Even the Americans are starting to mumble. You'd think with the trash they watch on TV all day their brains would be completely pickled. But no, they've even learned how to pronounce that awful place, even if their president hasn't.

So here's my plan. Because Iran is suspected of supporting some of those towelheads fighting the Americans in Iraq, many U.S. officials might privately welcome an Israeli strike on Iran, just as they welcomed our strike against Saddam back in 1981.

My problem right now is that I need Junior's permission to attack Iran's nuclear installations. Last time we talked, you asked me how serious Iran's

threat was. How can an intelligent man like you ask me such a stupid question? Those schmucks couldn't build an igloo in Alaska, but they do have the Shihab surface-to-surface missile, or at least they've tested it. Although they have no nuclear heads, and the Shihab poses minimal danger to Israel, we have to pretend otherwise.

You and your neocon friends laid the intellectual foundation for the war against Iraq; this should be far easier as Iran does not have weapons inspectors running all over the place announcing that Saddam has no clothes. Have that Frum fellow write some of that stuff he specializes in. You know, the kind of thing they do in Hollywood, clear and present danger and all that. My point is that if Iran can be removed from the scene without disproportionate political or military costs, I will go ahead. It's up to people like you to wake up Junior and the great TV-watching public to the danger.

In closing, don't worry about fools like Fukuyama, Buchanan, and the rest of the neo-Nazis. I will have Abe Foxman and the Anti-Defamation League go after them. We were bold when we decided to reconfigure the map of the Middle East. Now we have to be even bolder. The only fly in the ointment is that senior Pentagon aide who has been our man there since time immemorial and has been caught passing us secrets. Dougie Feith, however, will get us out of it. He has done such a good job for us, I plan to honor him like no other after he retires. Ditto for the rest, especially Wolfowitz, Perle, and you know whom. Again, thanks a million, my dearest Poddy, keep up the good work, and give my best to Midge and John. (I enclose some blinis and gravlax for your boy.)

Shalom,  
Arik



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# PAT BUCHANAN:

**“A CIVIL WAR IS GOING TO BREAK OUT  
INSIDE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.”**

**Where the Right Went Wrong** has become one of the most talked-about books of the entire campaign year. Pat Buchanan, three-time presidential candidate, MSNBC commentator and bestselling author, offers a searing indictment of Beltway neo-conservatives.



## **Buchanan On Iraq:**

“We invaded a country that did not threaten us, did not attack us, and did not want war with us, to disarm it of weapons we have since discovered it did not have. **We may have ignited a war of civilizations it was in our vital interest to avoid.** Never has America been more resented and reviled in an Islamic world of a billion people.”

## **Buchanan On George W. Bush:**

“By mid-2004, the president had failed to abolish a single significant agency, program, or department of a Leviathan government that consumes a fifth of our economy. As custodian of the national economy and decisive actor in the management of the Budget of United States, **George W. Bush has compiled a fiscal record of startling recklessness.**”

## **Buchanan On “Today’s G.O.P.”:**

“The GOP may be Reaganite in its tax policy, but it is Wilsonian in its foreign policy, FDR in its trade policy, and LBJ all the way in its spending policies. Pragmatism is the order of the day. **The Republican philosophy might be summarized thus: To hell with principle; what matters is power, and that we have it, and that they do not.**”

## **Buchanan On “Economic Treason”:**

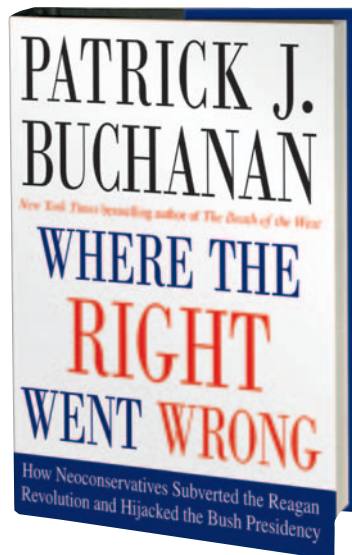
“Every month of the first thirty-eight of George W. Bush’s presidency, manufacturing jobs disappeared... **The most awesome industrial machine the world has ever seen has been gutted....Free trade is a bright, shining lie.**”

## **Buchanan On Religion and Politics:**

“Where LBJ funded community groups to build a power base in the cities independent of mayors, **George W. Bush plans to fund God’s Pork for ‘faith-based’ groups to enable Republicans to get a foot in the church door by making the pastor dependent on federal dollars.**”

## **Buchanan On neo-Conservatism:**

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