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Norman G. Finkelstein

Dear Ms. MacDonald:

I had thought that our letters in March had established that we were going to have a meeting. But no word from you yet on when?

I am not the only person who believed there was going to be a meeting. Former Congressman Mel Levine had a long talk with Donald A. McQuade, Vice Chancellor of University Relations at the University of California (Berkeley), who said that the Press had offered us a meeting. So I'm back to when?

While you ponder the date, I have uncovered some more gems from Finkelstein:

- (a) "All opinion-leaders, from the left to the right, are Jews...The Silence around my book in the US—if this is not a conspiracy, then what is one?" (NRC Handelsblad, August 5, 2000)
- (b) "Who profits [from *Schindler's List*]? Basically, there are two beneficiaries from the dogmas [of *Schindler's List*]: American Jews and the American administration..." (NRC Handelsblad)
- (c) "The name of the character [in *Exodus*] is Ari Ben Canaan because Ari is the diminutive for Aryan. It is the whole admiration for this blond haired, blue eyed type." ("*The Holocaust Industry*," March 10, 2004)
- (d) "[T]he Israeli establishment likes the blue eyed, blonde haired Aryan types as a racial group." (Don Atapattu, "How to Lose

Friends and Alienate People: A Conversation with Professor Norman Finkelstein." *CounterPunch*, December 13, 2001)

- (e) *Question*: "[Mr. Finkelstein] If you are a historian, why didn't you write a serious study about the subject? Why didn't you do research yourself? Interview people, etc.?" *Finkelstein's answer*: "Why should I interview people?" (Viktor Frölke, "Shoah Business." Interview with Norman Finkelstein)
- (f) "I'm a person of the left, and when you get a call from Professor Chomsky [asking you to 'find' that a pro-Israeli book you haven't even read was a 'fraud'], his wish is your command." (Norman Finkelstein, Vancouver, May 15, 2004)
- (g) "Finkelstein says...that most 'survivors' are bogus." (*Guardian*, Wednesday July 12, 2000)

"I am not exaggerating when I say that one out of three Jews you stop in the street in New York will claim to be survivor." (*Sunday Times* of London, June 11, 2000)

"If everyone who claims to be a survivor actually is one, my mother used to exclaim 'who did Hitler kill then?'" (*The Holocaust Industry*, p. 81)
- (h) "[I] can't imagine why Israel's apologists would be offended by a comparison with the Gestapo." (Washington Report on Middle East Affairs, "Canadian Jewish Organizations Charged With Stifling Campus Debate.")
- (i) Israel's human rights record is "interchangeable with Iraq's" under Saddam Hussein. (Link, "A Reply to Henry Kissinger and Fouad Ajami.")
- (j) "Frankly, part of me says... 'you know what, we deserve the problem on our hands because some things Bin Laden says are true'. One of the things he said on that last tape was that 'until we live in security, you're not going to live in security', and there is a certain amount of rightness in that." (Don Atapattu, "How to Lose Friends and Alienate People: A Conversation with Professor Norman Finkelstein," *CounterPunch*, December 13, 2001)
- (k) "[T]he honorable thing now is to show solidarity with Hezbollah as the US and Israel target if for Liquidation. Indeed, looking back my chief regret is that I wasn't even more forceful in publicly defending Hezbollah against terrorist intimidation and attack." (Norman Finkelstein, "A Reply to Michael Young")

(l) “Libya had nothing to do with it [the blowing up of Pan Am 103, for which Libya has acknowledged responsibility] but they are playing along. And that is the thing with the Swiss banks ...because they are so afraid of those hoodlums.... They are ruthless and reckless thugs [referring to Jewish leaders seeking compensation for Nazi crimes].” (Norman Finkelstein, “*The Holocaust Industry*,” March 10, 2004)

(m) “I’m in exile in ... Chicago because I was thrown out of every ...school in New York.”

“Never has one of my articles been published in a scientific magazine.” (Norman Finkelstein, “I won’t lie down and take the insults.” *Irish Times*, July 1, 2003, p. 13; *NRC Handelsblad*: Aug. 5, 2000)

(n) “Elie Wiesel [is] resident clown of the Holocaust circus.” (*Irish Times*, “I Won’t Lie Down and Take the Insults.”)

“Elie Wiesel is such a ridiculous character... The expression ‘There’s no business like Shoah-business’ is literally coined for him...He’s turned it into a business, where he casts himself as a person who’s doing all this from anguish and pain and personal sacrifice, while he has made a fortune out of it.” (Viktor Frölke, “Shoah Business.” Interview with Norman Finkelstein) But enough of that for today. When can we meet?

Sincerely,


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