

# LETTERS

Ambassador Guenther Van Well  
Federal Republic of Germany  
4645 Reservoir Road  
Washington, D.C. 20007

Honorable Ambassador Van Well:

In accordance with the extradition treaty in force between the Federal Republic of Germany and the United States of America, I request that Mohammed Hamadei be extradited to the United States to be tried for the murder of U.S. Navy diver Robert Stethem, who was brutally killed during the hijacking of a TWA jetliner in 1985. Mohammed Hamadei is sought as well on charges of air piracy.

According to press reports, Mohammed Hamadei is to be swapped for two Germans held hostage in Beirut. Such a swap would serve to reinforce what current events have already shown: that dealing with terrorists on terrorists' terms engenders more terrorism. Senator Alfonse D'Amato of New York stated that the swap would be "regarded by the Congress as unconscionable, unacceptable and a betrayal of trust." If the rational world is to continue, it can do so only in accordance with rules of law, not the ruthlessness of terrorism.

I am looking to you for your assurance that Mohammed Hamadei will be extradited to the United States. The refusal to extradite would encourage future acts such as the senseless and tragic murder of Navy diver Stethem. In kowtowing to terrorism, the Federal Republic of Germany would support terrorism, whose continued existence only means more worldwide fear and murder.

We anticipate your decision to honor the extradition treaty in force by delivering Mohammed Hamadei to United States Marshals.

At a meeting of the executive committee of Nate Mack B'nai B'rith Lodge of Las Vegas, Nevada, held recently, the Board unanimously approved a direction to me as Chairman of the Israel Committee to write this letter to you.

Sincerely,  
Edward Weinstein

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Leonard Bernstein has called him "...an unusually gifted young pianist..." the Russian-born Boris Berman will be featured on the Las Vegas Symphony Chamber Music Series. The concert is scheduled for April 20, 7:00 p.m. at Artemus Ham Concert Hall. The critically acclaimed pianist will perform Beethoven's Sonata in E-flat, Op. 31, No. 3, Prokofiev's Sonata No. 7 in B-Flat Major, Sp. 83, Shostakovich's 2 Preludes and Fugues, E Minor and D-Flat Major, Op. 87 and Debussy's Six Preludes from Book 1. Tickets are available at the door and are \$6.00 general admission. For ticket information call 739-3420.

## Russians Deny Reports

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so far I've received no invitation," he said. Soviet officials were also reported to have denied arrangements were being made for a mutual exchange of consular delegations with Israel.

Media reports said a Soviet consular delegation would visit Israel shortly but that the Soviets have not agreed to a return visit by an Israeli delegation. Diplomatic quarters in Jerusalem stressed that the Soviets were made aware of Israel's insistence on mutuality and reciprocity when Israeli and Soviet representatives met briefly at Helsinki last August.

But Soviet officials told Israel Radio this week that reciprocity did not apply to consular delegations because "The Soviet Union has far more nationals and property in Israel than there are Israelis or Israeli property in the Soviet Union."

Premier Yitzhak Shamir said that there were some encouraging signs of a thaw with Moscow. "But we shouldn't exaggerate. I really hope that we shall finally achieve a breakthrough and see many Jews leaving Russia, and especially coming to Israel," he said. He added, "If they don't come here, there is no importance to their departure."

Despite lack of verification of reports that a large-scale departure of Soviet Jews is imminent, the Absorption Ministry and Jewish Agency have begun to prepare for their arrival. The Transport Ministry is marshalling Israel's entire fleet of passenger aircraft to bring large numbers of Soviet Jews from Rumania.

Reports earlier in the week said the Soviets agreed that all Russian Jews holding Israeli visas would be allowed to fly directly to Israel via Rumania.

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