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Selene Gallone
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Milan, 16 January, 1978

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Mrs. GOLDA MEIR
Ramat-Aviv
Israel

Dear Mrs. Meir,

I was tremendously pleased to receive your so kind reply to my letter to you of October 28 last.

I have immediately arranged to have a photostat of your letter sent to Amnesty International in London so that they may officially disprove what the London Sunday Times had published about torture in Israel.

This news filled me with joy because I had always been convinced that this rumour was a wrong one.

I take this opportunity to wish the best of every thing to your Country and you for the year that has just begun.

Yours sincerely

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Ramat-Aviv,
December 20, 1977

Ms. Selene Gallone
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Dear Ms. Gallone,

In answer to your letter of 28 October addressed to Mrs. Meir, I am instructed by her to deny in the strongest terms that torture is used in Israel. The London Sunday Times published last summer a series of shameful articles about Israel, and their antisemitic bias was obvious. The replies sent by the London Israel Embassy, denying the torture allegations, were based on reports by Israel highest juridical authorities.

With Mrs. Meir's best compliments,

Sincerely,
Yaffa Vardi (Mrs.)
Mrs. Meir's secretary

Should this rumour be infortunately true, I appeal to you to use your influence to make this practice cease; of course we all know in my Country that Arabs are accustomed to using violence in the worst possible way, but it would be sad if the wonderful Israeli people should put themselves on their same despicable level.

This liberty I took to write to you entirely depends on the great love and admiration I have always felt for you and your people, as I hope you will forgive and understand me.

With best regards, I remain, dear Mrs. Golda Meir,

Yours Respectfully

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Milan, 28 October, 1977

Mrs. GOLDA MEIR
c/o Prime Minister Office
Government Buildings
JERUSALEM
Israel

Dear Mrs. Golda Meir,

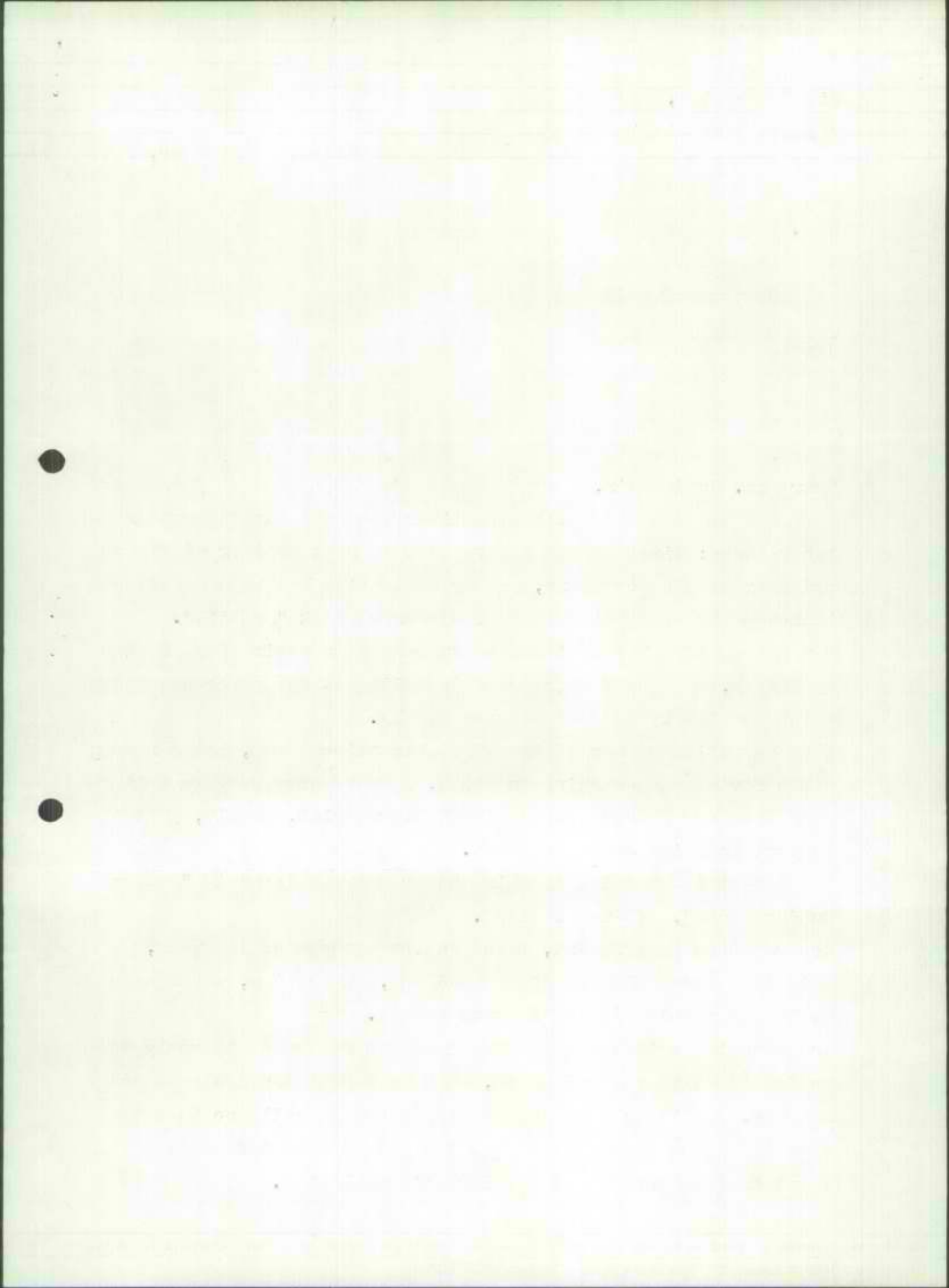
I take the liberty of writing to you for two reasons: first of all I have been a great admirer of yours and your people for years, and my admiration has been recently increased by my reading of your wonderful book "My Life". For a long time I had wished to express this admiration of mine by letter, but now I am spurred to write you for a second reason which has lately worried me very deeply.

I am an active member of Amnesty International and, being responsible for a group working in Milan, I heard some very troubling news from our London International Secretariat, namely, that torture is being used in Israel.

The latest information on this matter was published in "London Sunday Times", of June 19 last.

According to that report, based on the witness of 44 Arabs, this practice would be widely used and, supposedly, would seem to be the result of a deliberate policy.

Now I would be immensely grateful to you if you could reply to me denying this assertion and, as I know your truthfulness and honesty, I will rely on them entirely and I shall use them to retort all the accusations that too many people too easily throw against Israel and the Israeli population.



SELENE GALLONE
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Milan, 28 October, 1977

To His Excellency
MENAHEM BEGIN
Prime Minister Office
Government Buildings
JERUSALEM
Israel

Your Excellency,

I take the liberty of forwarding this letter to you, as ^aIsraeli friend of mine told me that, for security reasons, it is not possible to have the private addresses of important people in Israel. That is why I am sending this letter to the official address of your Government, feeling sure that you will be so kind to deliver it to Mrs. Golda Meir direct.

Thanking you in anticipation for this big favour I am asking you, and apologizing for troubling you, I remain, Your Excellency,

Yours respectfully,

Selene Gallone

