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Ambassador Daniel Ayalon Israeli Embassy 3514 International Dr. N.W. Washington DC 20008

Dear Sir,

It is with complete disgust that I watch the suffering that your armed forces are inflicting on the populations of Gaza and Lebanon. The destruction and death is utterly out of proportion to the supposed provocation for each series of attacks and you can hardly be surprised that they will want to retaliate, even though their weaponry is so pathetic compared to yours.

There is absolutely no justification for bombing a power station in Gaza and the destruction of the airport in Beirut. I see today that AFP is reporting 85 dead in Gaza and 145 dead in Lebanon as a result of your brutality.

This violence, the continuing land confiscation in the West Bank, the blockade of Gaza, assassinations and your occupation of Syria's Golan Heights leads me to conclude that there is no "partner for peace" on the Israeli side.

The Jewish people more than anyone should understand what oppression and dispossession mean but I see you doing this to the Palestinians now and have done since at least 1948. I hope you realize soon that your security lies in addressing the legitimate grievances of the Palestinian people rather than inflicting misery, humiliation and indeed terror on them. Yes, terror. If there is a terrorist state in the Middle East, it is Israel.

I am writing to my congressional representatives and the President next to urge an immediate end to aid to Israel. Your belligerence and America's acquiescence increase the likelihood of another terrorist attack here and I don't want to get hurt.

Very sincerely,

Peter