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The President, George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Stop all aid to Israel

Dear Sir,

I was shocked to hear you describe Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon as a “*man of peace*” last week. While you often denounce Yassir Arafat, Ariel Sharon:

- led the 1982 invasion of Lebanon
- was held indirectly responsible by an Israeli inquiry of the massacres at the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps
- has consistently rejected the Oslo agreements
- has allowed 34 new settlements to be started during his time in office
- has stated just today that he won’t even debate removal of any settlements in the areas that Israel has illegally occupied since 1967.
- sent the army back into Palestinian controlled areas these last few weeks, causing immense damage and it appears enormous loss of human life – beyond anything the suicide bombers caused that was the pretext for this re-invasion.

Our \$3 billion in annual aid to Israel fuels this devastation of the Palestinians and enrages the Arab world. **We cannot say we support freedom and democracy while also paying for occupation and oppression.**

Your father led the war to oust Iraqi forces that were occupying Kuwait. He would not have been satisfied with a withdrawal from 95% of Kuwait, especially if the Iraqi continued to control the major roads yet that is what America expected the Palestinians to accept as their own state. **For lasting peace in the Middle East, the settlements must go and the military occupation must end – 100%.**

Yours truly,

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