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His Excellency, Ambassador of Israel to United States, David Ivry

Dear Sir,

Given the tragic history of the Jewish people, I have no trouble with the concept of a Jewish homeland so you can control your own destiny. However, why should you expect the Palestinians to provide the real estate for free? They did not bring the Holocaust upon you, so they feel you have taken their homeland.

In recent months, I have become disgusted by the way your country has treated the Palestinians while automatically calling them “terrorists” when they resist your occupation with what little they have. If they had tanks and fighter jets, I’m sure they would use them but they don’t, so they are left with means that are indiscriminate i.e. strapping explosives to their own bodies and becoming a walking bomb.

In 1947, the U.N. offered you half of the British Mandate of Palestine but by 1949 you had gained control of three-quarters of it, driving out 80% of the Arab population. When the Serbs did something similar it was called “ethnic cleansing”. In 1967 you occupied the rest.

To have any moral standing, your government must:

- Stop the current military operation immediately!
- Totally withdraw from the areas captured in 1967. **The settlements must go.**
- Allow a fully-independent Palestinian state, free from your settlements, access roads and water diversions.
- Offer generous compensation to those who lost their land in 1948. I recognize that they will have to lose their “right of return” and move to the new Palestinian state. I’m sure we in America will be very happy to help you with this. Happy neighbors are peaceful neighbors.

I believe an increasing number of Americans feel as I do—you have grossly overstepped anything justified by “self-defense”.

Yours sincerely,

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