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To: Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States of America

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Mr. President,

Peace be on you, and G-d's Mercy.

It is with clear conscience, but a burdened spirit that this letter is written. Our Muslim-American community in the following of the late W. Deen Mohammed, son of Elijah Mohammed, has the highest regard for the demands of the Office of the President of the United States upon you personally, and the highest respect for the purpose and responsibilities of that Office. I wish there weren't present circumstances in the world that warrant these words. Please know that they are written hesitantly, and with humility. I am however, compelled, and obligated beyond these limitations.

Notwithstanding the known and ongoing plight of war-zone victims on nearly every continent, and the related policies of notoriously oppressive regimes denying essential rights and trampling basic dignities in too many nations, it has become necessary to acquaint you with our commitment to the Palestinian People and their Determination as you prepare to travel to Israel tomorrow.

Mr. President, may we make reference to a former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs and Secretary of State, the late Colin Powell? He indicated that his experiences as an African-American helped him understand with a sobering clarity the concerns of Palestinian parents and children. "No people having experienced oppression cannot identify with others similarly oppressed," was his honest conclusion as we recall.

In our estimation Hamas's claims to represent Palestinian fathers, mothers and children, with its erroneous 'Islamic Jihad' moniker are an abhorrent, sickening, and despicable offense against Islamic identity. Its evil assault on innocent families in recent days in Israel are as an assault against humanity, and are categorically condemned.

These actions are deserving of severe punishment. Islam, with G-d as the Witness, disqualifies a 'by any means necessary' mandate in any legitimate struggle for freedom, justice, and equality. Legitimacy must satisfy the Islamic moral demand which holds the value of human life at the highest premium. In a society of Muslims governed by the spirit of Muhammed the Prophet's leadership, Hamas would have no quarter.

Mr. President, I was present when upon departing from a visit to Washington, DC, Imam W. Deen Mohammed asked one of our local leaders to deliver a message to then President George W. Bush that a 'blood on the field' social and political policy toward perceived enemies of America could not be sustained. May I also note here that Imam Mohammed was en route to an interfaith meeting hosted by the White House on September 11, 2001.

The end of America's 'Jim-Crow' segregation was in the sights of Martin L. King and Elijah Mohammed, as was the dismantling of South Africa's 'apartheid' system the aim of Nelson Mandela's life-long struggle. We Americans, and world citizens of most nations, know the characteristics of racism and its systemic reach. We as a society have endured and in great measure prevailed against the logic and tactics of a race and ethnic supremacy. We recognize its characteristics and designs. We know the desperation it creates within the psyche of its victims. But, we have also seen the Promise of Victory over it.

Israel's basic and fundamental 'Law of Return' grants the citizenship right of settlement to any making claim to Jewish identity while simultaneously denying that basic and fundamental right to the descendants of Palestinian farmers on that very same land. If we excuse our intelligence from reaching a just conclusion of what we are looking at, we are at risk to lose our humanity. These 'Jim Crow' and 'apartheid' characteristics are unmistakable when they manifest, no matter the sophistication to disguise them.

Who has claim to the earth and its resources? The question is rhetorical and the answer obvious. G-d says in Sacred Scripture recognized by all heavenly religions, that He has created it for His Servants. That is to say, He created it for His Trusted human creation.

Mr. President, the Founders and Framers who perceived and formed our American society and its government, saw that its central aim should be respect for human identity and human purpose as a Sacred Trust authorized by the Creator. They understood that the Creator entrusted human creation with the capacity to responsibly manage its own nature and its natural-home-environment, and to graduate in the ability to govern itself upon recognition of inherent and discoverable characteristics of its own nature-based human excellence. American society has no doubt struggled to uphold the central principle of that concept of a Perfect Union, but it has in the big picture, improved over its many serious failures.

Desperation has been forced upon the Palestinian People by a mentality and tactics well-known to Americans. That mentality and those tactics deny and threaten the very determinations that formed our own society and are responsible for its respected stature in the world. Will we Americans under your leadership, Mr. President, contribute to this? Or, will we be a moral and determinant factor for checking it?

I wish I could have said this more succinctly and more privately.

We implore you Sir, to be the voice of will on behalf of our American society, that checks wrongdoing with the force of moral conscience. Should we desire anything less?

Sincerely and with G-d's Blessings,

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