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The President of the United States of America, Mr. Donald J. Trump,
The White House

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to you with the utmost respect and deepest appreciation for your commitment and eagerness to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict .

America's involvement and mediation were always indispensable and conducive .

The core Idea, of a Democratic and Jewish Israel, in secure and defensible borders is one we share and are thankful for your support .

This 100 years conflict can only be negotiated in good will and good faith, directly between the two parties. These tenets were laid by the late Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin .

Any partial resolution, unilateral annexations or steps that undermine the concept of two states, living peacefully side-by-side is a recipe for further trouble and turmoil .

However, I also wish to convey to you my concern that the timing of this presentation constitutes an interference in the Israeli election, scheduled for March 2 .

I am confident that this was not your intention.

Once a new Government is formed in Israel, your continued support and intermediation will be, as always, welcomed and cherished .

Mr. President, we are facing profound and formidable challenges, perhaps on the scale of 1948, the year Israel was established .

These challenges require the US' involvement and mentorship, but can only be attained through direct talks between Jerusalem and Ramallah .

Thank you again for all that you have done to secure Israel, particularly in respect to Iran.

Sincerely,

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