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Honorable Tony Blair  
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

On behalf of the AIFL, I would like to congratulate you for your remarkable service as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. That service was valuable not only on behalf of Britain but also for the cause of freedom throughout the world. We appreciate that you showed your country to be a strong ally and friend of the United States. We also want to thank you for the friendship and support you have consistently displayed for the State of Israel.

We want to congratulate you on your appointment as envoy to the Middle East to represent the Quartet in the effort to advance the prospect of peace between Israel and the Palestinians on the basis of a two state solution by which a Palestinian state would acknowledge and live in peace with Israel. Knowing your seriousness of purpose and integrity in facing this difficult task, may I offer a few comments on the subject.

- One must question whether the present time is propitious to expect major steps towards a final status peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians. The Palestinian Authority is in disarray, the two major components of Palestinian leadership, which would be involved in any state, are involved in armed struggle against each other,

and the outcome is not presently predictable. The question remains whether any existing Palestinian entity will accept the essential conditions advanced by the Quartet, recognition of Israel's right to exist, acceptance of prior agreements and agreement to renunciation of terror. It is poignantly ironic that, at a time when Israel has demonstrated its agreement to a Palestinian state, the Palestinian people have demonstrated an inability to resolve their internal differences, end the dispute with Israel, or adhere to a society based on the rule of law.

- The situation in Gaza is unacceptable and unpredictable. Its borders are porous which permits Hamas to rearm and tests Israel's patience with the threat of violence and terror on its border. Hamas remains committed to Israel's destruction and neither Israel nor the international community should be expected to engage with them in the face of their militant rejectionism.
- A first priority should be an attempt to mold Palestinian society into a viable condition, to provide for the physical safety and security of its inhabitants, and to assist efforts to build a workable government. It is vital that programs be developed to create an economic structure that will provide employment and education. This cannot be achieved solely by financial assistance from outsiders but also necessitates the development of an orderly and stable society based on the rule of law which might only then attract private investment and participation. Without private investment economic progress would be impossible.
- These observations suggest that progress in your vital mission cannot be expected to come quickly. Appreciation of realism, and practical efforts to deal with facts on

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the ground, are preferable to grandiose declarations or promises.

- No one can doubt that the United States and Israel have both clearly expressed support for a two state solution in which borders would be negotiated by the two parties, and mutual concessions made in the interests of ultimately reaching a final status agreement. But no reasonable person could expect Israel to make significant concessions without a responsible negotiating partner, one genuinely committed to an arrangement that would honorably end the Arab-Israel conflict and who can demonstrate its ability to assure the elimination of terrorism.

The AIFL recognizes the difficulties and problems you may encounter as you undertake your new, important role. We also recognize that no one is more qualified than you to undertake your new responsibility. We wish you well in your new endeavour. The AIFL would welcome the opportunity to meet with you should your schedule permit.

Sincerely,



Kenneth J. Bialkin