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***In The Name Of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful***

***Open Letter to President Obama  
The Case for a One State Solution in Historic Palestine  
Sounding the Alarm***

Friday, March 15, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing this urgent letter to you a few days before your trip to the Middle East. It reminds me of the letter I sent to the White House on May 30, 2009, just a few days before your trip to Cairo, Egypt to address the Muslim world. I was thrilled when I watched your speech, as eighty percent of the issues addressed in that speech came from my letter, though I am sure your assistants probably presented those as research or think tank. It is found on my website, [drsaid.net](http://drsaid.net), and if you click on Foreign Policy, you will find most of the issues in foreign policy regarding Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, etc., came from my letters, including the debate you had with Mitt Romney on foreign policy. It is significant in that letter of May 30th, on the first page, that I analyzed the Islamic parties would win everywhere if free election is held in the Arab countries, including the Islamic Brotherhood, as it happened two years later in Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, Morocco, and very soon in Syria and Jordan. I called for a constitutional monarchy, similar to Great Brittan, when I ran for the parliament as a Jordanian in 1997 (found in my website under Arabic Documents). I described those Islamic parties to be moderate, hardworking people, family oriented, and most of them studied in the West, including the United States. They love to have good relationships with the United States, though it will be very tough for Israel as they have to deal with people this time, and not with dictatorships, such as in the past. This is exactly what will lead to permanent peace-people to people.

This letter I am sending to you is one of seventeen extensive letters. Some of them were typed and sent to the White House and the remaining are still in my computer under documentary, as I was planning to publish all those letters in a book that would be over five hundred pages. My plan was to dedicate that book to your father, who was a Muslim, died as a Muslim, and buried as a Muslim. He did not get a fair shake by the news media, particularly the Rightwing Newspaper. I highly regarded him as an intelligent, gifted person, who was able to get a scholarship to study in Hawaii and charmed a beautiful white lady, who was your mother, in a time that was very difficult, if not impossible, to have that kind of relationship in the fifties.

Mr. President, I started to have great interest in your campaign, and did everything I could to help you when you ran for president, after I watched a documentary on PBS about a prince, Ibrahima, who was enslaved in Mississippi. Through the effort of a local newspaper, he was able to meet with President John Quincy Adams at the White House in 1826 to get help in order to free his children from slavery, but was denied, as the president thought he was from Morocco with whom the United States had diplomatic relationships, and not from Timbuktu, Mali in the heart of Africa. The documentary showed how he sailed with his wife, Isabel, arriving in Liberia, and then died shortly after from malaria, without reaching his ancestor land in Mali and without his children. That documentary was on February 7, 2008. That night, I cried and supplicated to Almighty God to help Obama be elected as president of the United States. I shook your hand twice at the White House, which in my vision translated into two terms as president.

I immediately attended the caucus at Grant County, Washington State, and became a spokesman for you. I declared to the members at the meeting about my vision and that you were going to be elected as president of the United States. I immediately called all the Hispanic speaking patients, mostly Mexicans, I had in the last twenty five years and asked them to help me in Texas by giving me names, contacts, addresses, etc., and had them call their families, friends, etc., to vote for Obama and that I was heading towards Texas.

I arrived on time for the opening of your headquarters in Dallas, Texas. At the beginning, they welcomed me, but they were very hesitant to allow me to be part of your campaign, after they found about my background as a Palestinian and Muslim, who was calling for a one state solution to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict once and for all, as I will explain. I had an interview with Bob Greene from ABC News in Dallas. As Spanish speaking, I headed towards Southern Texas to Grand Rio Valley, and I started campaigning on my own. I was intensively campaigning, putting my heart, my soul, and my pocketbook into your campaign, which was quite expensive as I had to close my medical clinic in Washington State. On February 29, 2008, you were supposed to be in Brownsville in the Gulf of Mexico to meet with the preachers for breakfast. I was told by one of your field organizers, I believe Bryan Pacheco from Brownsville, that you were coming, and he advised me to go and meet with you. However, after deep thinking, my brain prevailed over my heart, as I did not want to cause problems for your campaign because of my background and political views, though I was only twenty miles away from Brownsville in Harlingen, where I met Caroline Kennedy a few days earlier, who was campaigning for you.

Mr. President, since that time, I tried to meet with you at the White House without any success. Unfortunately, I found there is no transparency at the White House when dealing with a Palestinian. I found it to be as difficult as when I met with late Yasser Arafat or talked to the late Saddam Hussein, as it shows on my website.

Let me specify about the issues I am talking about.

1. Israeli-Palestinian issue, which I call the conflict between Palestinians-Arabs-Muslim world verses Israel-the world's Jewish community-the United States-many Western countries, etc. At the beginning, I believed in a two state solution where Palestinians and Israelis would live side-by-side. For that objective, I drafted a resolution in 1988 as a state platform member with the help of a Jewish activist from Seattle, Sara Kaplan, which was passed unanimously by the Democratic State Convention. I became a national platform member and headed to Denver, Colorado first, and then attended the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, when Dukakis was running against Bush, Sr. I was supposed to be a speaker, but that opportunity was given to

Jim Zogby, the president of the Arab American Institute, who you met a couple of days ago with other leaders at the White House. In that year, I was one of the founders of the Rainbow Coalition in Washington State. I took that resolution to Algeria, where I met with the late Chairman Yasser Arafat. I was invited as a guest, sitting at the right side of Abu Mazen, who is now president of the Palestinian Authority, who I consider not as charismatic as the late Yasser Arafat. One month later, I attended the General Assembly of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, when the United States refused to issue a visa to the late Yasser Arafat. I carried a verbal message from General Vernon Walters, the U.S. ambassador, to Yasser Arafat, along with my own letter and advice, which helped open a dialogue between the United States and PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization).

Since that resolution in 1988, I became disillusioned that the two state solution will never succeed, especially with my frequent trips to the Palestinian territories, including the West Bank, Gaza, and in the Palestinian areas within the Green Line. Those so-called settlers, which I call squatters, narrow-minded, fanatics, will never leave the settlement. They are harassing the people, and cut my own olive trees in Palestine several years ago near my village Burin from the Yitzhar Settlement. I simply went back to my old idea, related to a letter I wrote to the editor of the Medical Tribune in 1980, of creating a one state solution to be democratic and secular with equal rights so that Jews, Christians, and Muslims can live in a united country, like ours in the United States. I introduced that resolution three times, and it was passed by the Democratic Convention in my county, Grant, in Washington State, in 1990, reaffirmed in 2010 and 2012. Thank God there are people from the Jewish community who are believing in that. I will mention the last Singleman, who died lately, and was the president of the American Jewish Congress. Two states, Florida and South Carolina, passed such resolution to have one state, but to be Jewish. I question their knowledge of demography about this issue, as they do not realize that the Palestinians inside this state are almost equal in number to the Jews. Within a few years, they will exceed the Jewish population. Apparently, the ones who pushed for that resolution were the Zionist Organization of America, but other Jewish organizations, such as J Street, tried to reverse that trend, as they thought it would be the end of Israel as a political and Jewish entity. I believe that would be the case as the real power will be in this new created state, which I wanted to call "Abraham", in honor of Patriarch Abraham, who was the father of both Jews, through Isaac, and the Arabs, through Ishmael.

When I ran for congress last year in the most conservative district, District 4, in Washington State, I, again, called for a one state solution. When I talked to my family members in Palestine (nieces, nephews, uncles), the vast majority supported that as long as they have equal rights. When I told one of my nieces, would you accept the one state being Jewish, she answered, no problem, as long as they have equal rights, like the Israelis, and she added, this way we will get more money from America.

Two state solution will never work. Even if President Abu Mazen accepts that, he does not have the charisma or the power to persuade the Palestinians to agree. He will put it as a referendum for the Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza, and outside of Palestine. I have no doubt in my mind that it will be defeated, and we'll go back to square one! As far as the Palestinians, they are determined more than ever to stay where they are. They were encouraged by the Arab Spring. I have no doubt that the free parliament elected in Egypt and Jordan, for example, will abolish the treaty with Israel, or completely overhaul the treaty. When the late Chairman Arafat was alive, I met with him several times. I was dining with him and his assistants every night

from June 17 to June 23, 2002, when the Israelis encircled his compound in Ramallah and prevented anybody going in or out. It was a very sad situation. It was the stupidity of President Bush and the arrogance of Ariel Sharon, who enforced that curfew on Arafat, when he was the only leader who could have delivered a peace agreement with Israel. This reminds me of a speech I listened to from Abba Eban, the former secretary of state for Israel, in Morehead, Minnesota in 1976, when I was working at the VA Hospital in Fargo, North Dakota. He said that the Palestinians were famous for missing opportunities; however, the Israelis did even worse than the Palestinians by eliminating the only person who could have delivered an agreement, who was the late Yasser Arafat.

When you became president and sent your Envoy George Mitchell to the Middle East, I sent you a letter immediately that his mission would not succeed. My advice to you, Mr. President, in your first term was to not do anything in that conflict, and only try to contain it from getting out of control. When the Arab American leaders you met at the White House advised you to give encouragement, hope, and promise to the Palestinians, it was a big mistake, because that will discredit you and the United States if you do not deliver on this promise.

In January 26, 2010, I passionately defended you when I was summoned to Washington D.C. to participate for one hour in a very famous debate through Al Jazeera (*Opposing Views*) with ninety two million of the Arab people watching. When my opponent, a famous scholar and politician, was saying that Obama did nothing, I told them the most important thing Obama did was not use the war on terrorism to side with dictatorships and oppress the people in the Arab and Muslim world. I debated about what do you want from Obama, to push a button and everything will go his way; don't you think you are dealing with an institution and that Obama has to deal with congress, news media, special interest groups, etc. I addressed them to do your homework and rise against dictatorships and throw them away. I specifically mentioned about Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, which happened one year later. I feel I did contribute through Yahoo and Facebook, after Tunisia, next is Egypt, and I even suggested storming the T.V. and radio stations and the palace, which made it easy and Mubarak resigned. I salute you, Mr. President, for supporting the people in Libya, Egypt, and Tunisia. Now, the most important thing you can do to get credibility is to do something about Syria. One strike will get you five homeruns:

- a. That will demonstrate to the Arab people and the Muslim world that the United States is faithful to its constitution and to Abraham Lincoln's famous saying, a government from the people, by the people, for the people, to get rid of this despicable, criminal gang, so-called President Assad.
- b. It is the first opportunity ever presented that the superpower competitors of the United States at the world stage, Russia and China, are siding with this dictator and his government and the United States is siding with the people. That is very significant in the minds of the Arab and Muslim people.
- c. It will totally isolate the Iranian regime, who has been supporting this dictator, who has been killing his own people on a daily basis for the last two years, as today is the two year anniversary of the Syria revolution. I sent a letter to the Iranian ambassador at the United Nations and another one to the former president of Iran, Hashemi Rafsangi, whom I met in the early 80s, when he was a speaker of the parliament, in order to stop the war between Iraq and Iran, and in the late 70s, when I flew to Iran to free the American hostages, which is detailed in my website. By siding with the dictatorship, you have lost all credibility among the Arab and Muslim masses. I reminded them of a

famous tenant of Islam: that Almighty God will give victory to a just non-Muslim against a Muslim leader who is unjust and an oppressor.

- d. It is very important for the United States to lead efforts to overthrow this dictator, as the end is near, and your actions will save thousands of lives, which will be appreciated.
  - e. It is a very important accomplishment to win the hearts of those Islamic extremists and make them more peaceful and receptive to the United States, as they feel that you are a just person and the United States is siding with the oppressed.
2. I would like to say your actions with Iraq and Afghanistan were consistent with my letters I sent to the White House (found in my website). A particular letter I sent to President Bush at the White House on January 11, 2007 has the title An Exit from Iraq with Dignity and Honor. I specifically mentioned about Prime Minister Al Maliki, an ethnic person and dictator, who is taking advantage of everything to remain in power.

Finally, Mr. President, since I do not have confidence that your advisors will deliver this letter to you before you leave, I intend to publish it in some of the newspapers in this country and abroad, whom I regard and admire. Also, I will send it to some individuals I know to be great and concerned about peace. I wish you very successful trip.

Sincerely,

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