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The Honorable George H. Bush
President, United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush,

On behalf of the American Zionist Federation, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your remarks at the opening session of the Middle East Peace Talks in Madrid. Your fairness and sensitivity to all participants was very important to setting a tone that will guarantee a successful resolution.

The United States' position as an honest broker, bringing together all parties without impositions or preconditions, has been vital to convening this conference. It is essential that the United States maintain this role.

I must, however, express the concern throughout our community over the vehemence and viciousness of the remarks made by some of the Arab delegations. The classically anti-semitic and historically inaccurate remarks made by the Syrian Foreign Minister, Farouk al-Sharaa, are unacceptable. In specific: his insinuations of a Jewish controlled media; demands for the dismantling of all settlements, including Jerusalem, according to the original partition of 1948, which they had rejected; and the blatant lies, claims that Jews have been treated well in Arab lands, while over 4000 Jews are still imprisoned in Syria as of today. These remarks threaten the future of this historic peace process and should not pass unnoticed.

Once again I wish to congratulate you on behalf of the one million members of our 16 organizations and to thank you for your initiative and perseverance.

Sincerely Yours,

Simon Schwartz
President