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Dear President Biden,

An article in the December 26, 2024, issue of the *New York Times* by Katie Rogers chronicled regrets that you have voiced during the interregnum before your successor enters the White House. Among other things, you bemoaned that you were the "poorest man in Congress for 36 years," a self-indulgent lamentation that is also untrue. You also obtusely regretted leaving your John Hancock off of Covid relief checks written by the U.S. Treasury, as President Donald Trump did, and in so doing he violated the criminal prohibition of the Hatch Act. These petty regrets bespeak a cramped perspective.

Do you not regret making the United States a co-belligerent with Israel unconditionally providing deadly weaponry in violation of six federal statutes and the Constitution's Declare War Clause? Your actions have begotten genocide that evokes comparison with regimes we "would dare not to mention by name," to paraphrase earlier words decades ago by then-Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

You have aided and abetted the slaughter of over 400,000 Palestinians, a majority women and children. You have done this knowingly and illegally, unmoved by gruesome pictures of mutilated civilians – whole extended families in Gaza – who were blameless of the October 7th homicide-suicide attack. You knowingly dispatched over 14,000 2000 lb. bombs which are designed to destroy entire neighborhoods. They performed as expected over Gaza's 2.3 million defenseless trapped people in a geographic area the size of Philadelphia.

Do you not regret rejecting your wife's plea, who after seeing pictures of mutilated children in December 2023 implored you to "Stop it, stop it now, Joe," according to you and reported in the *New York Times*?

Day after day the targeted slaughter, the annihilation, the knowing extermination goes on by your boss in Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, yet you remain a full partner. You are enabling him to create killing fields in the West Bank, in Lebanon (an ally), in Syria, and anywhere else in the Middle East he chooses to send his American-made weapons of mass destruction, with the aid of your operational intelligence, collaboration, and diplomatic cover. You have made the United States the I.G. Farben of extermination camps.

Your obeisance knows no boundaries and generates no regrets – not even regretting that you refrained from using your major leverage over Netanyahu – withholding weapons and ceasing to veto UN resolutions – to get through to Gaza thousands of U.S.-funded humanitarian aid trucks with food, medicine, water, and other critical necessities to the dying, sick, and injured Palestinians.

Don't you regret not telling Netanyahu to open up Gaza to American reporters so that they can surmount the Israeli censorship and directly inform the American people what their tax dollars are doing to the Palestinians and their life-sustaining infrastructures?

Don't you regret refraining from ordering Netanyahu to stop killing scores of journalists and their families in Gaza, killing over 400 UNRWA staff, and destroying its facilities providing food, health, and educational services to Palestinian refugees since 1948? Apparently not. You cut out the modest U.S. funding to that besieged UN agency and then sent over 14 billion more taxpayer dollars to Israeli genocidal operations.

Don't you regret humiliating America by letting Netanyahu taunt you on one occasion after another with his mantra "Nothing will stop us," and upstaging you before a Joint Session of the United States Congress as well? You became his toady in the White House. Shame!

Don't you regret refusing to demand that Netanyahu allow horribly burned babies and amputated youngsters airlifted to ready and able U.S. hospitals for treatment by specialists unavailable in Gaza after your bombs destroyed the hospitals and clinics killing many physicians and health workers?

This request was made to you along with other recommendations by valiant American doctors and healthcare workers returning from Gaza in two letters to you which you have not even had the courtesy to acknowledge, much less reply – even after the *New York Times* devoted an entire page to their urgent pleas. (See, "65 Doctors, Nurses and Paramedics: What We Saw in Gaza" by Dr. Feroze Sidhwa on October 9, 2024, *The New York Times*).

Don't you regret failing to condemn or thwart Israel from its recent viciousness, boobytrapping pagers and walkie-talkies in Lebanon, seriously injuring, some fatally, its users included civilians working in hospitals, shopping in markets, or just going to and from their daily work? Former Secretary of Defense, Leon Panetta called it "a clear cut war crime" under international law, on national television. The grisly precedent will surely come back to haunt America.

Perhaps you intended to express such regrets about your criminal violence against Palestinian Semites (see the "Anti-Semitism Against Arab and Jewish Americans" remarks by Jim Zogby at DebatingTaboos.org) in your private meeting with Pope Francis to "discuss world peace." (Your visit to Rome was canceled due to the Los Angeles wildfires). You'll note that Pope Francis has called out Israel more than once for terrorism and expressed his worries about the endangered Christian population in the Holy Land. As a practicing Catholic, you might have expressed some regrets before His Holiness for the daily blood of innocents on your hands. Have you a heart of stone?

Finally, do you not regret your failure to lead peace negotiations from Israel/Palestine to Russia/Ukraine, in lieu of constantly sending vast shipments of weapons generating immense casualties and destruction?

Waging peace requires a depth of moral character and a resourceful personality sorely deficient in your belligerent constitution. Perhaps some private time with Pope Francis might have introduced you to the meanings of remorse, penitence, and repentance that could nourish any inclination to convey these realizations to the survivors of your co-produced *Palestinian Holocaust* before and after you leave the White House.

The American people are gradually learning about the enormous scale of the slaughter of civilians by Netanyahu's deliberate mass killings of Palestinians, with whom you are a cobelligerent right down to coordinating at times military attacks. You have known well before what the *New York Times* published on December 26, 2024, in a major investigation titled "Israel Loosened Limits On Strikes, Multiplying Risks to Gaza Civilians."

The key paragraph:

"An investigation by The New York Times found that Israel severely weakened its system of safeguards meant to protect civilians; adopted flawed methods to find targets and assess the risk of civilian casualties; routinely failed to conduct post-strike reviews of civilian harm or punish officers for wrongdoing; and ignored warnings from within its own ranks and from senior U.S. military officials about these failings."

Yet you allowed Bibi-Blinken to cover all this up, even suppressing numerous internal reports at the State Department and USAID, which urged the Israeli Prime Minister to acknowledge these war crimes and act more forcefully to put a stop to them.

You also have known from the beginning, well before the Israeli government's mysterious collapse of the world's most sophisticated border security system on October 7th, that Hamas was never an "existential threat," as Netanyahu absurdly claimed. With one-twentieth of the minimally trained fighters that Israel possessed, hiding in tunnels, equipped only with small arms and dwindling ammunition, up against the second most modern military in the world – the Israeli army, Air Force, and Navy – Hamas's fighters were a little more than a trapped minor guerilla force tracked minutely by the Israeli military in their completely surrounded, surveilled, and besieged enclave filled with Israeli informants and spies over the years. The international law doctrine of proportionality has been daily and explosively flouted with impunity.

After a few months of turning Gaza into rubble, high Israeli military officials began to tell Netanyahu that there were no military objectives left and that there was no "day after" planning. Netanyahu disagreed because the daily slaughter and lies about "command and control centers" in any building or area he wanted to blow up, keeps him in his job and delays the ongoing Israeli prosecutors' case against him for corruption. Perpetual war is Netanyahu's deliverance from his political demise. (See the June 26, 2024 article in the *New York Times* titled, "We Are Israelis Calling on Congress to Disinvite Netanyahu").

There is little left of the Hamas fighters and weaponry. Israeli casualties have been around 400 fatalities since October's invasion, mostly from friendly fire, the collapse of buildings, and other mishaps amidst the fog of war.

Have you any inclination to reverse any of your actions in this ongoing Palestinian Holocaust before January 20th? Have you any awareness of how you will be treated by historians? You will have fueled the killing of more Palestinians than the total deaths of U.S. soldiers in World War II!

At the very least, consider the sensitivities of some of the Israeli soldiers themselves suffering from moral trauma. They are giving testimonies like this: "I felt like a Nazi. It looked exactly like we were actually the Nazis and they were the Jews." These and more statements are being reported by the Israeli newspaper *Haaretz* and documented by other courageous Israeli press outlets and Israeli human rights groups.

You have a few days left as President to mitigate some of your past enabling complicities that have built Netanyahu's chamber of horrors, and its consequences for the Middle East and the safety of the American people in the U.S., which the U.S. intelligence agencies call "blowback."

Sincerely,

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Enclosed:

- "As End of Term Nears, A Reflective President May Harbor Regrets" by Katie Rogers on December 26, 2024, *The New York Times*.
- "65 Doctors, Nurses and Paramedics: What We Saw in Gaza" by Dr. Feroze Sidhwa on October 9, 2024, *The New York Times*.
- July 25, 2024 Letter: "Re: American physicians' and nurses' observations from the Gaza Strip since October 7, 2023."
- "We Are Israelis Calling on Congress to Disinvite Netanyahu" by 6 prominent Israelis on June 26, 2024, *The New York Times*.