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Dear Official:

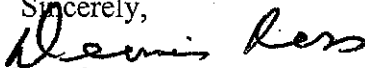
I understand that Bassem Eid plans to come to work in the United States for an extended period of time. Having been America's lead negotiator on Middle East peace during the Clinton Administration, I am well acquainted with Bassem's work. He has been a leading human rights activist and educator among Palestinians for a long time. He has sought not only to promote human rights and the rule of law in the Palestinian Authority, but also to foster the development of civil society and the institutions necessary for democracy to flourish.

I have appeared together with him at a special meeting in the Israeli Knesset, and I have seen him in action. He is a remarkable advocate for human rights and for peaceful coexistence. He is an eloquent speaker and a talented organizer. The importance of his work and his effectiveness has been recognized by internationally respected organizations such as the Foundation for Middle East Peace and the Moriah Fund. I understand that the Finish representative to the Palestinian Authority has also provided funding for his efforts. It is not surprising that international foundations and groups have been ready to help finance his work at the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group.

I am quite certain that when Bassem is in the United States he will continue to be in high demand to give lectures and to receive additional fellowships. No doubt, he will receive additional honorarium for such lectures and speeches. While the human rights field is not one in which activists are likely to command high salaries, Bassem's efforts are extremely well known and respected and I am certain he will be very well compensated while in America. He is deserving of such financial support and he is bound to receive it.

I hope this is of help and if there are any other questions, please let me know and I would be happy to respond.

Sincerely,


Dennis Ross