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Dear Mr. Waxman:

This is in response to your letter of November 26. The issues you raise are important to the Secretary, and we are actively engaged on each of them. The United States opposes the convening of a meeting of High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention on the situation in the West Bank and Gaza, and we have made clear that we will not attend such a meeting. We have strongly discouraged other countries to the Convention from attending, and a number of them have told us they will not attend.

Regarding the program that appeared on Abu Dhabi Television, the United States Government expressed our serious concerns to the Government of the United Arab Emirates about the unacceptable content, particularly its anti-Semitic overtones. We asked that the UAE Government take action to ensure such programming does not reappear.

We will continue to monitor these important issues. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance on this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly

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The Honorable
Henry Waxman,
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