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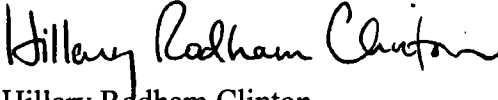
Dear Rabbi Miller:

Thank you for your most gracious letter. The President and I were honored to receive the Shalom Chaver Award for International Leadership. We look forward to visiting the Yitzhak Rabin Center's Peace Garden dedicated in our honor when the Center is completed. It was a special pleasure to have you with us at the White House for the Rabin Center celebration. I believe the occasion inspired all of us to recommit ourselves to work for lasting peace.

In response to your request, I would like to clear up any possible misunderstanding regarding my statement. The most important point is that the issue be resolved by the parties in final status negotiations. Indeed, it is my firm belief that the only enduring solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is one that will be negotiated and mutually agreed upon by both parties. That goes to the very heart of the peace process which I fully and unequivocally support. Obviously, it has been the Administration's consistent position that it will support whatever agreement the parties can reach. And it has been the Administration's consistent position that it will oppose any unilateral step that prejudices the outcome of these negotiations.

Thank you again for your kind words.

Sincerely,


Hillary Rodham Clinton