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Dear Vice President Harris,

Now you have a chance to succeed where President Biden failed miserably, imposing a permanent solution to the Palestinian problem and ending the cold war that has kept Europe divided for 79 years.

On the domestic scene, you can win if you recognize the need to resolve the immigration problem. The Biden policy in this regard was unjustifiable and in many ways stupid. It will be smart, on your part, to declare your readiness to work with the Republicans who are not mesmerized by Trump and his wild supporters. Politics is the art of compromise. Those who refuse to compromise are the enemies of America.

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Power is not always right. Winning a war is no guarantee for permanent peace. Isolating Russia today is as dangerous as isolating Germany after World War I.

The Christian religion came to Russia through the Ukrainian church. Let's not separate what God has united. Russia, on the other hand, has always been the last European frontier. It makes no sense to antagonize the Russian bear. Some form of cooperation with Russia is a good way of securing peace in Europe.

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The Palestinian problem goes back to 1948. The Zionist invaders terrorized the Palestinian population and made them flee to neighboring countries (Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt). Ever since, Israel has kept the Palestinians under control with the help of England, France and America. In the name of the holocaust, Israel has claimed for itself the right to oppress the weak and dehumanize a lower culture.

Yes, Israel has the right to exist, not the right to oppress an entire population. Back in the mythical days of Moses, the Israelites were oppressed in Egypt. Today the roles are reversed. Israel has become an oppressor with the help and the blessing of America. The reasons run deep in our American mythology that sees in our nation another Israel and in our land another holy land. The time has come for America to outgrow this mythical nonsense.

Yes, violence by Hamas is to be condemned. But so is violence by the state of Israel. In what pertains to this problem America has behaved as immature teenagers who see only one side of the coin and are sure of their righteousness.

An important book was published less than a year ago. Its subtitle is *Violence by the Law and against the Law*. In it, state violence is condemned as well as terrorism. What is it going to take to explain to America that state violence can be just as condemnable as terrorist violence?

Today more than ever before we need a leader who is not afraid to expose national taboos and invite the American people to think critically. Power has always been abusive whether it is legitimate or not. Our historians know that. Our politicians don't. We need politicians who are better informed and are not afraid of debunking national myths. Let's free America from her demons.

Sincerely yours,

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