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The Honorable Ronald Reagan President of the United States 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to express my admiration and respect for your remarks on the situation in Lebanon at your press conference today. Truly the cause of this tragic war and the legitimate goals of the Israeli operation have been forgotten by many in the flood of attention to the fighting itself. You, on the other hand, have kept clearly in mind the larger strategic and international perspective within which these events must be understood. As an American, and as a citizen concerned with maintaining and strengthening relations between our country and Israel, I applaud your clarity of mind and purpose as we approach a resolution to this crisis.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Dine

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