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**Your Excellency:**

On February 25 of this year I sent a special message on American foreign policy to the Congress of the United States. Knowing that we and the peoples we represent have a deep mutual interest in building and strengthening a durable structure of international relationships, I wanted you to have a copy of the report.

In particular, I would like to call your attention to the section of the report which discusses the Middle East. America's interests in the Middle East -- and the world's interests -- are that the global structure of peace not be allowed to break down there and that the legitimate desires of the people of the area for dignity and security be met. In my report I have traced our efforts to help the parties in the Arab-Israeli conflict to achieve agreement on a just and lasting peace, and I have outlined some of the principles on which I believe a peaceful settlement must be based. I have noted the need for the major powers to establish a pattern of relationships with the Middle East which accommodates the interests of all. I have pledged that the search for peace in the Middle East will remain among our top priorities in the field of foreign policy, and I have stated our readiness to consider new ways of assisting in the development of your region once peace is achieved.

