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The Honorable Jimmy Carter  
c/o The Carter Center  
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Dear Mr. President:

I was deeply disturbed to read reports today regarding a possible meeting between you and Khaled Meshal, the leader of the terrorist group Hamas.

As a former President of the United States, you undoubtedly understand that the United States must speak with one voice to our enemies. I hope and pray that we all as Americans stand in strong opposition to acts of terror and the terrorist groups that coordinate and fund them.

Hamas, as you well know, is a terrorist organization that is actively and continually seeking the destruction of a key ally of the United States. That's what makes these reports of your meeting with its leadership so troubling.

I'd ask you to please formally and publicly dispel the rumors of such a meeting. I'd hate for Hamas to realize any benefit from the perception that an American dignitary, such as you, is engaging in dialogue with them.

Sincerely,



Joe Knollenberg  
Member of Congress