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Dear Mr. Joffe,

I am a long-time friend of FLAME and greatly admire what you have been doing to gain support for Israel. I am a professional writer, having written ten books on education. My latest book is on the Shakespeare authorship controversy.

I disagreed with Israel's decision to destroy Jewish Gaza, and am anxious to write an illustrated book telling the history of the Jewish settlements in Gaza and how Israelis not only created beautiful small towns, but also built flourishing agricultural industries that produced the very best fruits and vegetables in the region. In fact, these farmers hired thousands of Gazan Arabs to work for them. These workers were sad to see the Jews leave, and, as you know, the facilities left behind by the Israelis have been turned into rubble. Jewish Gaza should no more be forgotten than the Jewish communities in Europe that were wiped out by the Nazis.

A second book I would like to write is a big illustrated history of Tel Aviv, which is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. In that short period, Tel Aviv has become a world-class city with skyscrapers and freeways. It has a great symphony orchestra, Tel Aviv University, museums, theatres, cafes, restaurants, and a wonderful seashore.

I believe that such books published by FLAME could help raise funds for your efforts as well as provide the public with visual evidence of Israel's economic miracle. I visited Israel back in the 1980s, and the changes since then have been dramatic. But I have seen nothing in the press that tells the story as it should be told.

If these projects interest you, I would be glad to provide you with a detailed plan for their realization.

Sincerely yours,

Sam Blumenfeld