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## Congress of the United States

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Chair  
Select Intelligence Oversight Panel  
Committee on Appropriations

Committee on Education  
and Labor

Permanent Select Committee  
on Intelligence

Committee on Natural Resources

The Honorable Susan E. Rice  
Permanent U.S. Representative to the United Nations  
United States Mission to the United Nations  
140 East 45th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Ambassador Rice:

Over a year has passed since you cast the United States vote against the United Nations General Assembly resolution regarding the report of the U.N. Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict (A/RES/64/10), which inappropriately endorsed the full report of the fact finding mission and unnecessarily referred it to the Security Council. At the time, I wrote to thank you for doing the right thing. Today, I ask that you work to correct the record.

As I am sure you are aware, on April 1 former Judge Richard Goldstone published an op-ed in the *Washington Post* in which he acknowledged that "If I had known then what I know now, the Goldstone Report would have been a different document." Specifically, Judge Goldstone noted that a follow up report by the U.N.'s committee of independent experts, led by former New York judge Mary McGowan Davis, found that "Israel has dedicated significant resources to investigate over 400 allegations of operational misconduct in Gaza" while "the de facto authorities (i.e., Hamas) have not conducted any investigations into the launching of rocket and mortar attacks against Israel."

These revelations and findings provide more than ample reason for the United States to demand that the U.N. repeal its affirmative vote on the findings of the Goldstone Report and to offer a public apology to the people of Israel for the unfounded allegations of war crimes allegedly committed during Operation Cast Lead.

As I noted to you in my February 17, 2010 letter on this matter, the regrettable history of bias against Israel at the United Nations, especially in the Human Rights Council and its predecessor, must not be allowed to continue. The United States has a responsibility to oppose discriminatory actions like those associated with the Fact Finding Mission, and in light of these most recent developments, I ask that you take whatever measures possible to correct the record and remove the wrongful implications that the aforementioned resolution made against the state of Israel.

I appreciate your many years of dedicated service to our nation and await your response.

Sincerely,

RUSH HOLT  
Member of Congress