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Dear Mr. Rubinstein:

As you know, I am relinquishing the post of Permanent Representative to the United Nations and returning to Israel. Having served for twenty seven years in the international arena, I shall now devote myself to the tasks of nation-building in Israel itself. My efforts toward that end will be pursued through Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, the Presidency of which I shall assume next month.

The newly established University, with campuses in Beersheba and Sde Boker, is the embodiment of Israel's vision of pioneering, development and growth. With Faculties of Medicine, Technology, Natural Sciences, Humanities, a Research and Development Authority and an Institute of Desert Research, the University has taken upon itself unique national responsibilities in the development of the entire Negev region and through it of Israel as a whole, as well as in the absorption of new immigrants and in the integration, through education, of communities of diverse cultural and economic background.

In bidding you farewell, I should like to express my appreciation of the interest you have always shown in Israel's welfare and the hope that you may find it possible to associate yourself with the Ben-Gurion University and thus with one of Israel's most challenging national undertakings of major importance to Israel's future. I shall be glad to welcome you personally to the Negev and to the University campuses. In this regard, I have asked the officers of the American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, our American Representatives, to be in touch with you.

With very best wishes for the future, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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