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Dear Robert

I refer to your letter of 13 January 2009 with regards to our Press Release of 5 January 2009.

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It was not our intention to diminish the impact of the Holocaust in any way. What we were witnessing happening to one and a half million of virtually imprisoned and defenceless Palestinian civilians by a modern defence force like Israel, and in the context of the modern world and the inherent alternative means of conflict resolution we believe justified our comparison of the atrocities and the brutal use of disproportionate force by Israel over the past 3 weeks.

Please rest assured that our press release and the tone and choice of words were considered by us to be appropriate and reflected not only the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils and its constituent's sentiments but also the outrage of many other Australians including the Secretary General of the United Nations.

The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils is committed to working with all faith communities in Australia including the Australian Jewish community. We value the work of the ANDCMJ and would like this to continue, irrespective of our differences from time to time on particular issues.

Please see the attached pictures which do not diminish or magnify any atrocities.

Yours sincerely,

Ikebal Adam Patel,
President.

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