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HOUSE OF COMMONS LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Commissioner Cressida Dick,

I write to you regarding antisemitism at last week's protest at the US Embassy, "Hands off Jerusalem", jointly organised by the Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Palestinian Forum in Britain, Friends of Al Aqsa, Stop the War Coalition and the Muslim Association of Britain.

I have seen video evidence of protestors outside the US Embassy chanting "Jews, remember Khaybar, the army of Mohammed is returning", referencing a seventh-century slaughter of Jews in Saudi Arabia. It is grotesque that chants calling for the slaughter of Jews have been heard on the streets of London.

I am concerned that this language is designed to incite hatred against the Jewish community and may well constitute the offence of using abusive or insulting words likely to stir up racial hatred, contrary to section 18 of the Public Order Act.

Given the public nature of what happened, I ask whether the Met is investigating these comments and whether, in the Met's view, an offence has been committed.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Vice Chair, Labour Friends of Israel