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Mr. Grant F. Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in response to your letter of August 23, 2011, to the Attorney General expressing your view that the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) should be required to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.* (FARA).

You will recall that representatives of the Department's Foreign Agents Registration Unit, including myself, met with you in November 2009. At that meeting you presented your position, both orally and in writing, as reflected in your recent letter, that AIPAC should register under FARA. On April 19, 2011, you requested a meeting with the Attorney General to discuss these same matters. We responded by letter dated May 18, 2011, requesting any additional information you may have regarding AIPAC. We have reviewed your August 23, 2011 letter and note that this letter contains the information previously presented in your prior letters and in our meeting. If you wish to share additional information with us please feel free to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather H. Hunt", written over a horizontal line.

Heather H. Hunt, Chief
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