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Open Letter to the President of the United States, distinguished members of Congress and the people of the United States of America

As a United States Citizen and an Iranian American activist, as someone who for the last 50 years has participated in the global human rights movement and defended the principles of democracy and rule of law -- having had the good fortune of residing in this great country for the past 15 years and enjoying direct contact with the people and officials of this nation -- I would like to share in a clear manner my frank observations and unadulterated views regarding the foreign policy and the role of the United States in international relations.

As an American citizen, I propose the formation of a special commission with participation of the White House, the State Department, the Pentagon and the Congress of the United States to assess the impact and efficacy of American foreign policy with regards to the nations of Africa, Asia and Latin America in the past fifty years. Such a comprehensive assessment may include the alleged errors and unintentional mistakes that led to violation of human rights and democracy, which bred discord and hatred against the United States throughout the world.

This commission may be tasked with long-term planning to protect the principles of democracy and human rights in international relations. It may further be empowered to sanction regulation to prevent any and all administrative bodies of government and institutions from supporting dictatorships and corrupt regimes around the world. I strongly feel that only such a commission with broad powers will be able to replace the current values and assumptions with one based on mutual interest and respect, especially needed to protect the principles of democracy and human rights the world over.

I am prepared to offer a carefully studied and documented analysis to such a commission.

Yours,

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