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PEACE PLAN FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

Before entering the nuts and bolts of the proposal I felt it necessary to acknowledge the centuries long struggle for acceptance and peace by the Jewish people. 80 years is mere seconds to history, and we must not forget what horrific acts led to the establishment of Israel. We must identify both sides of the problem as bloodthirsty and ethnically/racially enraged. We must not, however, allow the enragement to cloud the judgement of honest people on both sides, people that do not wish for genocide.

We must also remind ourselves how absolutely terrifying the times we live in truly are. It took a man named Adolph Hitler to draw the globe to its knees in a similar fashion to what we see today. Never before has the threat of racial extermination gone so hand in hand with the nuclear question.

We must tread thoughtfully and exceedingly lightly, and remind ourselves that we as Americans do not understand the full breadth of feelings in the region. Honestly, I have no idea how to fix things. While on break from campaigning, my team and I got together and put together a list of ideas which we think will lead to an improved situation long term, and a closer-to-ideal outcome for **ALL** sides involved:

1. A Sovereign Jerusalem (similar to Berlin in post WWII) Spanning through Bethlehem, same distance in all directions from city center, Israeli 180* eastern surrounding, 180* on west is West Bank
 1. The western border of the West Bank runs North-South (on a longitudinal line) ~20 km from city center of Jerusalem, with a border post and easily accessible corridor for West Bank access. These border posts are run by the city-state, not any particular nation.
 2. Independent taxation and laws NOT structured by religion but by equality
 3. Resulting resurrection of the city-state of Jerusalem.
2. Removal of Settlers protections in the West Bank.
 1. **Not forceful removal**, but an end to Israeli protection of Jews in the West Bank. It is Palestinian moving forward.
3. Northern and Southern borders of the West Bank remain unchanged
4. Gaza
 1. UN peacekeeping forces installed for 25 years
 2. Sanctions and UN audits to ensure no Iranian interference (both

regions)

3. Outside economic assistance to find niche (we need to find better exports than terrorism)

5. End ceasefire in favor of formal codified ending to war

1. This includes a good-faith effort by Palestinians to seek out legitimate terrorist actors and bring them to justice.
2. This does not include anti-semites or anti-zionists but rather **active militants**

6. Accountability clauses: NOREBS program (Not One Rocket, End Blood Shed)

1. Input accountability clauses ensuring isolation from global economy in the case of land repatriation and/or ethnic cleansing.
2. Assurances of sovereignty and safety
3. Allows dissolution/stoppage of treaty in cases of egregious terror
4. ANY rocket fired into opposition territory is grounds for unencumbered use of force
5. Harsh sanctions implemented if even ONE piece of artillery is fired into opposing territory

7. Elbow clause

1. Ensures the absolutism of the borders proposed. Does not allow to "stick elbows out" and redraw borders 100 yards at a time