

HERE IS WHAT YOUR TAXES PAID FOR **TWO AMERICANS MURDERED BY ISRAEL**

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Each year since the United States government first recognized the establishment of Israel in 1948, U.S. foreign aid to Israel has increased tremendously with no end to it. Currently, Israel receives **\$3.5 Billion in foreign aid each year**. That amounts to **\$14 million a day!** What does Israel do with all this free money? They use it to buy planes, and bombs and guns to murder Palestinian Christians and Muslims and to steal more of their land each year. They use this **free money** extracted in taxes from Americans, to build **illegal settlements on Palestinian land**. And if anyone objects to this theft by Israel, they are often **murdered**, regardless of who they are. And our government allows it to happen, even if the person murdered is an American citizen!

Rachel Corrie was a 23 year old college student living in the Palestinian village of Rafah. She was there as part of a sister-cities project established by her school, **Evergreen State College**, in the state of Washington. While she was there, she learned of the Israeli policy of **demolishing homes to allow Jews to establish settlements on the newly confiscated land**. So she rightly objected when the when the Israeli army came to demolish the homes of the village she was living in.

Well, the demolition was being accomplished with another weapon our tax dollars paid for, **bulldozers, manufactured by the Caterpillar Tractor Company** here in Illinois. This young American woman, dared to defy the Israeli bulldozer driver, a newly arrived **Russian Jew**. And she died a most horrible death. The Israeli driver of the **American-made bulldozer**, plowed right ahead and used the plow to scoop up the pile of dirt she was standing on and lifted her up, then dropped her **and as she got up, he ran her over with the bulldozer**. Then he backed up and **ran over her again**. She died – deliberately crushed to death on March 16, 2003. Her parents, in an attempt to bring her murder to public attention, sued the nation of Israel. The Israeli Supreme Court dismissed the suit!

And our government, lest we offend our **“greatest ally in the Middle East,”** did absolutely nothing. No formal protest of her murder. No reduction in foreign aid as punishment for her death. And the news media in our country, largely ignored the murder or falsely reported the Israeli lie, that it was just an accident, nothing more.

Tom Hurndall, was a 21 year old college student and in the words of his mother, **“he wished to make a difference”** in the world. So he went to an area of Palestine known as Gaza to learn what was really going on to lead to such conflict in that part of the Middle East. He was especially interested in learning about the struggles