



## UNITED STATES SENATE

February 20, 2013

The Honorable Chuck Hagel  
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Dear Senator Hagel:

I want to call your attention to and request a response to a story in the Washington Free Beacon on February 19<sup>th</sup> which includes a contemporaneous account from an attendee at your 2010 Rutgers University lecture. The email communication is stamped April 9, 2010, at 11:37 am.

*"I am sitting in a lecture by Chuck Hagel at Rutgers. He basically said that Israel has violated every UN resolution since 1967, that Israel has violated its agreements with the quartet, that it was risking becoming an apartheid state if it didn't allow the Palestinians to form a state. He said that the settlements were getting close to the point where a contiguous Palestinian state would be impossible."*

*"He said that he [thought] that Netanyahu was a radical and that even [former Israeli foreign minister Tzipi] Livni, who was hard nosed thought he was too radical and so wouldn't join in a coalition [government] with him. ... He said that Hamas has to be brought in to any peace negotiation."*

Senator Hagel, did you say this? Have you said anything similar? Does this contemporaneous email accurately reflect your views?

Thank you again for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Graham".

Lindsey O. Graham  
United States Senator