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Dear President Levin:

Thank you for your response of January 14 to my letter of December 18. I appreciate your affirmation that the Woodward Report “remains Yale University’s guiding policy on freedom of expression” and your assurance that Dean Miller agrees with you that it would be inappropriate for any Yale University official “to suppress the speech of any student or student organization.”

Regarding the censorship of *The Cartoons That Shook the World*, we clearly disagree. I hope that once Yale believes that the “risk to life and safety” involved in printing the images has abated sufficiently, future printings of the book will include the censored images. Until then, FIRE and other critics of Yale’s decision to censor the images are likely to continue arguing that Yale is acquiescing to the wishes of the most intolerant and violent people in the world.

Sincerely,

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