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To make matters worse, the administration has not condemned the MSU's hateful speech against Jews and Israel. As the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights stated in its Findings and Recommendations on campus anti-Semitism, colleges and universities have the moral duty to denounce anti-Semitic and other hateful speech and conduct. But the UCI administration has maintained its characteristic silence in response to speech that is hateful toward Jews and Israel, thus sending the message to the university community that the MSU's message – calling for Israel's destruction and condoning the murder of Jews – is acceptable and will be tolerated.

Reut Cohen wrote an article for New University, the UCI student newspaper, about the Daniel Pipes event. A copy is enclosed. Ms. Cohen would be willing to talk to you again to discuss the event and its impact on Jewish students. Ms. Cohen, a student activist on campus has herself given up on the administration. In fact, she is graduating a year early because she wants to get out of the hostile environment at UCI as soon as possible.

UCI has been given opportunity after opportunity to demonstrate that it understands its legal obligation to ensure Jewish students a campus environment that is free from harassment, intimidation and discrimination. The University has had ample time to show that it will affirmatively and proactively protect the right of Jewish students to an educational environment that is not hateful and hostile to them. Yet even in the face of an ongoing federal investigation into its conduct, the university has done little if anything to ensure that it is complying with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Indeed, UCI has continued not to enforce already-existing policies that would provide some protection for Jewish students.

UCI must be held accountable for its continuing violation of Title VI. I urge you to look into the university's handling of this incident, including whether the administration has taken any steps in response to the MSU's reprehensible conduct. Reut Cohen would be pleased to talk with you again to furnish you with additional information about what happened.

Thank you. If I can provide you with more information or answer any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure
cc: Ms. Reut R. Cohen