To students and community members:

This packet will introduce you to the Boston branch of CAMERA, whose main focus is to monitor the media and to try to redress unbalanced reporting on the Middle East. CAMERA is now linking up with the campuses. We encourage you to use our "services:"

1. CAMERA has a very powerful slide presentation on the Boston Globe's anti-Israeli reporting.

2. We are an information resource (see your CAMERA packet) on the issues of Israel and the press.

3. CAMERA helps coordinate for "special events" such as helping to respond to the appearance at the Ford Hall Forum of Mubarak Awad, the so-called "Palestinian Gandhi" on November 4 at 7:30.

4. CAMERA is especially concerned about anti-Israeli propaganda on campus and so we are co-sponsoring this workshop. An important objective here is to identify and coordinate students and student groups that are strongly concerned about media misrepresentation of Israel, to link them with like-minded community groups and to promote a unified campaign that takes the offense. We are working with the Hillels to coordinate and plan an on-going campaign.

In addition, we could use your help:

We seek to become a center in the Boston area of students of press coverage of the Middle East. With the help and direction of Boston area writers and scholars, we are formulating a methodology of press criticism and bringing to the task the tools and techniques of academic research.

We would like to encourage, sponsor, and oversee specific media analysis projects. Currently, we are about to begin work (with some B.U. students) on a critical review of The Christian Science Monitor's coverage of Israel. We are investigating ways in which students could get classroom credit for papers based on this kind of work. Please tell your friends who might be interested in our research projects.

Sincerely,

Chuck Jacobs, Deputy Director, Boston CAMERA

P.S. Please join CAMERA!