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Dear Prof. Shamir

As you know we have never met before, and your comment quoted by Mr. Amiram Barkat in his latest article "The end of the Exodus from Egypt" appearing in the magazine section of Haaretz dated 4/21/2005 leaves us confused and bewildered, for such statement befits only yellow journalism.

Quoting Mr Barkat he writes, "Prof. Shamir is not enthusiastic about Sakkal's plans. Underlying the demands to take the items out of Egypt, he believes, are often "shady motives."

The Society demands a full explanation to the words "shady motives".

Such a libelous statement coming from a respect figure as yours is sensitive and should be substantiated publicly, for the legal ramifications are many.

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