

Mr. Mike Powell
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Dear Mike,

You can't keep up with everything, your primary responsibilities are local, and you apparently are not permitted to edit certain copy.

At the same time, there has been a controversy between the papers' expert on all matters great and small and me about an Arab who took the name Abu Nidal.

Recent developments have given this more point.

The papers have stated that he is not a terrorist and is in fact only a patriot. There has been no retraction, not even during boasts that errors are always acknowledged.

On my part, I've referred to Nidal as one of the world's most bloodthirsty terrorists. Including after Arafat's misrepresented speech.

So, on seeing a couple of Washington Post reports on some of his activities I've clipped and enclose them.

Cold-blooded murders and random maimings on a scale of this magnitude is to most people not our concept of patriotism or of act that can serve nationalistic causes.

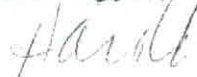
The major reported terrorist acts were, I think you will see, not in any way connected with Israel or Israelis of Jews.

Over the weekend unconfirmed reports connected him with the PanAm disaster in Scotland.

I am not assuming that you can do anything. I'm merely informing you about the one the papers praised as only a patriot by providing some reports about his actual career.

It is not only Jews who have phoned me to express their disgust over the last couple of columns.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg