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MEMORANDUM

TO: CSU Presidents
    CSU Provost/Vice Presidents, Academic Affairs
    CSU Vice Presidents, Student Affairs

FROM: Timothy P. White
    Chancellor

SUBJECT: Israel

We have reluctantly but necessarily made the decision to suspend the system program in Israel for the fall 2014 semester. This decision affects the four students who had been planning to participate from the Bakersfield, San Diego, San Francisco, and San Marcos campuses. We will be continuing to follow the situation and plan to allow participation in the spring of 2015. According to our records, there were no other students slated to study abroad in Israel this fall from the CSU campus-based programs. With this message I am asking that CSU campuses not approve student travel to Israel for this fall.

We had originally postponed the start of the program from August 3 to August 31 with the hope that the situation would calm and students would be able to participate. The University of Haifa is in the north and 150 kilometers from Gaza and has not been affected by the violence thus far. However, our insurance carrier has indicated to us that travel to Tel Aviv and south would not be covered and restricting travel through and to Tel Aviv would be difficult. With a resumption of violence over the last two days, we have concluded that this is the most prudent course of action on behalf of our students.

Importantly, taking this step now also allows these students to enter classes for this fall. I have asked staff here to contact the students with the news and to assist them in working with campuses to sign up for classes.

Please contact Leo Van Cleve at (562) 951-4790 if you have questions.

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