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Dear brother/sister,

As you may know I have been travelling throughout the US over the last two months fundraising to send a mammoth convoy of trucks, people and medical aid to Gaza. The participants - over 250 in number - will be leaving from Kennedy airport on 4 July, the message being that Palestinian independence is as worthy as US independence, and cohering the convoy in Egypt.

In February we took a convoy of 107 vehicles, 255 people and \$2 million of aid from Britain by road to Gaza. The purpose of these convoys is to bring material relief, to highlight the murderous siege of Gaza and to help shift public opinion in the US and Britain over the Palestine issue - something which I believe is even more possible following President Obama's seminal speech in Cairo.

To that end, we want to take a cross-section of US society on the convoy. That's why I am writing to you to ask you to sponsor two young men - Khury Peterson-Smith and Tom Arabia - to travel from your area bearing medical aid on the convoy.

Khury and Tom are both hard working and committed activists for Palestine. They are of modest means but rich in heart. I know they are giving every spare penny they have for this cause and tirelessly fundraising each of the few remaining days before we head off. On their return from Gaza in July they have pledged to report back widely and to bear witness to what they experience there.

They will be in a vehicle with aid bearing the names of those who sponsored them, if the sponsors so desire.

I hope you feel able to sponsor their mission. Our funds are being handled by the non-for profit organization IFCO and our aid will be given to NGOs and charities in Gaza - so everything is well within the restrictions placed by the US authorities on humanitarian aid to the territory.

Thank you in advance,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Galloway".

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