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Oct. 30, 2009.

Mr. William Thorsell.

Executive Director,

Royal Ontario Museum.

Dear Mr. Thorsell:

We write to protest the Royal Ontario Museum [ROM] proposed visit of "Discovery" in Israel. This proposed tour to the location of the Dead Sea Scrolls, being called "in Israel", is a blatant falsification of history and an insult to the Palestinians and the historic record of their Museum in East Jerusalem. We find this action offensive to Palestinians and Canadians, who care for basic principles in human values and justice.

The Scrolls were illegally expropriated by Israel from East Jerusalem, a territory that is illegally occupied by Israel, in defiance of international law and repeated Security Council resolutions. The Scrolls were in a cave in Palestine and were discovered in Palestine by a Palestinian. It does not become a museum of the stature of the Royal Ontario Museum to indulge in this act of falsification and denial of historic truth.

We call on the directors of the ROM to dissociate themselves and the museum from this activity and bring an end to it by telling the historic facts as they should be told.

Yours sincerely,

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