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**RESPONSE BY FRIENDS OF SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST STUDIES
RE: OBAMA ASSASSINATION COMMENT IN ATLANTA JEWISH TIMES**

Toronto- January 23, 2012: “The suggestion made by the newly resigned owner and publisher of the Atlanta Jewish Times in the US concerning the assassination of President Obama by Israel over the handling of Iran is shockingly irresponsible and outrageous,” said Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center President and CEO Avi Benlolo. “I am proud to note this repugnant statement has been rightly condemned by leaders of all Jewish communities here at home and, following the example of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, in the United States. Violence is not a Jewish value,” he added.

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