Israel and Hamas Conflict in Brief: Overview, U.S. Policy, and Options for Congress by Jim Zanotti and Jeremy M. Sharp

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