

A Practical and Moral Counter Response

To the justifications for the MIDC Grant (and Genocide)

The MIDC Inflates the Federal Budget

By integrating Israel (disguised as private companies) as weapons manufacturers into the U.S. defense industry, the MIDC perpetuates a self-serving cycle where both the buyer and seller are effectively the same entity. This artificial demand for weapons inflates military spending, with taxpayers ultimately footing the bill.

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The MIDC Has Implicated Maryland in a War Crime



Spice Guidance System

In October 2024, Israel dropped this bomb on a six-story residential apartment building in Beirut. It had the SPICE GPS guidance system built by Rafael (a company that is really part of the Israeli government). The 2,000 lb bomb is US made. Rafael

came into Bethesda Maryland through support from the MIDC and brokered deals with American bomb manufacturers to use the SPICE system.



Airforce Technology

Lockheed Martin partners with Rafael Advanced Defense Systems to market the Rafael SPICE guidance kits for sale in the US.

The MIDC Imports Israel's Oppression Tactics Inside Our Borders



Apartheid Wall

Elta North America (which is part of the Israeli Government) received a contract under the first Trump Administration to build a prototype for his border wall (see photo). It is one of six prototypes that will be selected for construction.

Skunk Water

This picture is of Israeli police spraying "skunk water" on Palestinians — including children and the elderly — for the crime of celebrating a Muslim holiday in Jerusalem. Mistral, based in Bethesda Maryland, markets the Israeli-made spray to U.S. Police. The MIDC hosted Defense Industry Summit where the Mistral CEO was a noted speaker.



During the student encampments against Israel's genocide, two Zionist counter-protestors who served in Israel's military sprayed Columbia students with the skunk spray.

The Justification for MIDC is Leading Elected Officials to Overlook the Moral Imperative

The budget is a moral document. The argument about "profit" does not negate the fact that Israel has engaged in apartheid and genocide, as confirmed by the International Court of Justice and Amnesty International. And this is not the first time in U.S. history that elected officials had to consider continuing their involvement in atrocities under the guise of the "profit over morality" argument.



By 1836 more than \$600 million, *almost half* of the U.S. economy derived from the cotton produced by nearly a million slaves.

Ta-Nehisi Coates, House Reparations Hearing

The grant to the Maryland-Israel Development Center must end.

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