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To the Editor:

Re "Fictions About the Failure at Camp David," by Robert Malley (Op-Ed, July 8):

The Camp David effort last year may not have been everything it is being touted as, and the concessions may have been too much for Yasir Arafat to accept. But that does not justify the resurrection of murder, suicide attacks and mass destruction that came immediately afterward.

The failure of Camp David is the failure of Oslo and the entire peace process. It is not that there has been no resolution yet, but that Mr. Arafat and the extremist Arab groups still believe that the road to peace and concessions is paved through blood and not through honest dialogue and the basic acceptance of Israel as a Jewish homeland. That a majority of Palestinians polled believe that bloodshed is their only hope makes us wonder if anything has been learned between Oslo and Camp David, and wonder if hope is still an option.

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