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Good afternoon,

I wanted to bring to your attention a recent article from *The American Spectator* titled, "[With Friends Like Armenia, Is Israel Safer?](#)" Paul Miller writes that "a careful look at Armenia's alliances reveals a disturbing picture." Despite the recent announcement by Armenia that it will open an embassy in Israel, Miller argues that Armenia's ties to nations like Lebanon, who is still in a state of war with Israel; Russia, who is leading an intervention in the Syrian Civil War; and Iran, for whom it may be helping out of U.S. sanctions, raise "serious concerns that should give the Jewish state pause before deepening ties." Miller also notes the high levels of anti-Semitism reported in Armenia, warning Israel that it should remain concerned and vigilant regarding its ties with Armenia.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
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