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To:
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(By fax: 6276317)

Re: **The Removal of** **Astal ID No.** **from the Area**
Ref: your letter dated 28 May 2008

1. The aforementioned person, whose registered address is in Gaza, was apprehended on 27 May 2008, while present in the Judea and Samaria Area without a permit from the Military Commander and thus unlawfully.
2. After he was questioned and all of the relevant facts were considered, a decision was made to examine the option of removing him. Following your appeal, to which a variety of different documents were attached, it was decided, exceptionally and *ex gratia*, not to instigate his removal from the Area, despite his being an illegal alien.
3. We stress that the above does not constitute approval by the Military Commander of the aforementioned person's presence in the Area, and that the decision was motivated by humanitarian considerations only. Therefore we request that your client take action to arrange for his presence in the Area as soon as possible, or alternatively, return to Gaza. Note well: insofar as your client is apprehended again, and we discover he has not taken action to arrange for his status, the option of removing him to the Gaza Strip will be reconsidered.
4. For the sake of order, we note that the submission of an application for a change of address does not constitute arranging for status, as the current policy does not permit residents of the Gaza Strip to settle in Judea and Samaria except in extraordinary cases. Appropriate applications detailing the grounds

for the application are transferred by the higher echelons of the PA [Palestinian Authority] to higher echelons on the Israeli side.

5. For your information.

Regards,
[signature]
Matan Solomsh, Lieutenant
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On behalf of the Legal Advisor