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For the Attention Of:

Rear Admiral Samuel J. Paparo
Director of Operations
U.S. Central Command

Admiral Paparo,

Please accept my warmest congratulations and best wishes upon your new position as the Fifth Fleet Commander! As much as I am sad to see you leave your current position, I am happy to see that you will be staying involved in our challenging community!

Admiral, I am proud to call you my friend, and even more – a friend of Israel and the IDF. Your friendship and actions played a vital role in our operational environment, the cooperation between our forces and the Defense of Israel.

I am confident that our paths will cross again - and please remember you have an open invitation to visit Israel.

I wish you, your family and all our comrades in the U.S Armed Forces, much health and god speed during these challenging times. Also, as Jews celebrate Passover here in Israel and around the world, I wish my fellow Christian brothers a blessed and holy Easter!

Shalom, and Toda Raba!

Major General Aharon Haliva
Head of the Operations Directorate
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