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| **Israel National Defense College** |  |

*April 22nd, 2020*

***BG Corey J. Martin***

***Defence Attache'***

***Embassy of the USA in Israel***

Dear General Martin,

We are in a complex time, full with uncertainty. We pray for the recovery of all patients, and a quick return to routine.

The current college year is at a very advanced stage. It is therefore an opportunity for me to express our great satisfaction with the way LTC Randall Allen and LTC Michael Smith have integrated into the college, and with their invaluable contribution to the class.

I would like to update you that, due to the current situation, in recent weeks we have had to adjust the learning methods to online, distant learning. However, next week we are planning to return to physical learning at the college, and we are taking all necessary means to ensure everyone's health and safety, while complying with all rules and guidelines given by the Ministry of Health.

As for next year's program, we are making the necessary preparations to open the school year as planned. To this end, we request that next year's International Officers will arrive in Israel at the beginning of July. This will give them ample time for 14 days in quarantine, as we plan to begin the summer (preparation) course for international participants towards the end of July. The school year itself will start on September 2nd, 2020.

I would appreciate it if you could keep me informed regarding the expected arrival time of the American officers for the next school year.

Best regards,

**Merav Zafary-Odiz  
Chief Instructor**