IDF Military Colleges

The Israeli Command & Staff College

Dear Mr. Harris Vederman,

On behalf of the IDF Military Colleges we would like to express our deepest gratitude with regards to our Command and Staff Colleges' previous trip to the JINSA program.

Attributing to our recent accreditation at the Command and Staff College, our students will now receive MA degrees as part of the course. In light of this, they will undergo significant time constraints and a work load that modifies possible windows of opportunity for them to travel.

Due to the Command and Staff Colleges' constraints in this upcoming year, we would like to introduce this unique experience to a new program in the colleges, one that is tailored for officers that the IDF deemed to be future battalion commanders. This program is designed to train ex-company commanders, all combative officers in the art of their military profession. The 16 rising battalion commanders and the instructor of the Tactical Command College will benefit greatly from JINSA's program with its contribution to their curriculum as well as insight to defense and strategic interests surrounding the Middle East.

We would like to emphasize that this upcoming year, the JINSA program will serve as a pilot for the new program to potentially incorporate as a yearly occurrence in the future. Furthermore, we intend to gradually incorporate the program back to the Command and Staff College with the understanding that their curriculum will be more manageable as we see the significance of this program beneficial to our military commanders.

We thank you for the opportunity in allowing the IDF Military Colleges to participate in the annual JINSA program, and looking forward to continuing the tradition to promote both American and Israeli security cooperation.

Thank You,

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Commander of the Command and Staff College

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