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Commander, United States FIFTH Fleet  
Commander, Combined Maritime Forces

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Major General Aharon Haliva  
Israel Defense Forces Head of Operations Directorate  
Israel

Dear Major General Haliva, *Aharon!*

On behalf of the Sailors and Marines of United States Naval Forces Central Command, United States FIFTH Fleet, and Combined Maritime Forces, please accept my best wishes for a prosperous New Year.

I am delighted to have received your invitation for a visit to Israel. We are also interested in strengthening the relationship between NAVCENT and the Israeli Defense Forces via increased coordination and collaboration in the Red Sea and beyond. We will look for a travel opportunity to Israel as soon as feasible.

My staff point of contact, Lieutenant Phoenix Geimer, who can be contacted via email at [phoenix.geimer@mc.navy.mil](mailto:phoenix.geimer@mc.navy.mil) or by phone at +973-1785-6724 for further coordination.

Please be assured of my highest respect and warmest personal regards.

Very respectfully and  
Sincerely yours,

S. J. PAPARO  
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U.S. Naval Forces Central Command  
U.S. FIFTH Fleet  
Combined Maritime Forces

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*look forward to seeing you!*