



ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES  
**J3, OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE**

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**Major General Bradley A. Swanson**

Director of Exercises and Training

U.S. Central Command

Dear General Swanson,

Please accept my warmest belated congratulations and best wishes upon your appointment to the position of Director of Training and Exercises in the U.S. Central Command.

I am certain, that under your leadership and vast experience and knowledge of our challenging Region, we can push the cooperation between our forces forward.

During my last visit to CONUS I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Guy Zero, where we discussed the potential of the cooperation between our forces, enhancing our contingency readiness and exploring new venues for mutual learning.

Please send my gratitude and appreciation to your staff, especially LTC Peoples, for enabling and facilitating the meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally invite you to visit Israel, when we can discuss face-to-face and share with you insights and lessons learned from the IDF's "short of war" campaign, force employment in the Middle East and our mutual Regional Interests in Syria, Jordan and Egypt.

Respectfully,

**Brigadier General Yacov Bengo**  
Head, Training and Doctrine Division (J3/7)  
**Israel Defense Forces**