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Mr. Katherine Gallagher
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Dear Ms. Gallagher:

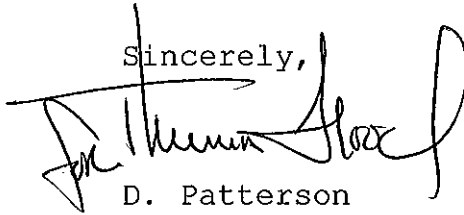
This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of September 13, 2010, for copies regarding the May 31, 2010 Israeli military operation that occurred in the Mediterranean Sea involving a six boat flotilla. You requested any and all records since January 1, 2010 that related to and reflect any and all plans, reports, documents, etc.. that mention or relate to any vessels or a flotilla of boats destined for Gaza in May 2010. Your request includes but is not limited to any and all records reflecting communications in any format with the Israel Defense Forces, or any other division, department or representative of the Government of Israel prior to, on or after May 31, 2010 in relation to the U.S. registered vessel CHALLENGER I or any vessel in the flotilla.

The information you requested requires a coordinated response between several of our Coast Guard offices. They will respond directly to you concerning your request.

We are providing a copy of your request to Commandant (CG-5453) the Office of Investigation and Casualty Analysis, for questions please contact Ms. Dawn Patterson at (202) 372-1282, Commandant (CG-531) the Office of Law Enforcement, for questions please contact Ms. Zsatique Ferrell at (202) 372-2167, Commandant (CG-532), the Office of Counterterrorism & Defense Operations, for questions please contact LT Michael Trotochaud at (202) 372-2026, Commandant (CG-542) the Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety, for questions please contact Ms. Susan Tomczuk at (202) 372-1103

and Director of International Affairs and Foreign Policy, for questions please contact Ms. Yvette Novak at (202) 372-4450.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Patterson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

D. Patterson
Chief, Data Administration Division
U.S. Coast Guard
By direction

Copy: CG-DCO Directorate FOIA Coordinator
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