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Sent: Monday, December 06, 2010 11:35 AM
To: Katherine Gallagher
Cc: Flood, Thelma; Kerlin, Donald
Subject: FOIA 11-0530 response

Dear Ms. Gallagher:

This email is a final response to your 30 June 2010 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and given by Coast Guard ID 11-0530. Your FOIA was distributed to a number of offices within the Coast Guard. The Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety received your request for documentation relating to a 31 May 2010 Israeli military operation on 6 December 2010.

The Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety oversees efforts to reduce recreational boating accidents, deaths and injuries on the waterways of the United States of America. To my knowledge, the Office does not have records relating to communication with Israel Defense Forces, the involvement of the Challenger I in the described events, or guidance for vessels transiting in the Mediterranean Sea. These subjects are outside the Office's purview.

You have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within the Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 60 days of the date of this letter, to:

COMMANDANT (CG-611)
US COAST GUARD
ATTN: FOIA/PA OFFICER
2100 2ND ST SW STOP 7101
WASHINGTON DC 20593-7101

Following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.9. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$14 minimum, there is no charge.

If you would like to contact our office concerning this request, please call 202-372-1103 and refer to FOIA 11-0530.

Sincerely,
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