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Hon. Eric H. Holder, Jr.  
United States Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Re: Violations of Section 962 of Title 18 of the United States Code

Dear Attorney General Holder,

As you are aware 18 U.S.C. § 962 provides in relevant part as follows:

Whoever, within the United States, furnishes, fits out, arms, or attempts to furnish, fit out or arm, any vessel, with intent that such vessel shall be employed in the service of any foreign prince, or state, or of any colony, district, or people, to cruise or commit hostilities against the subjects, citizens, or property of any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district, or people with whom the United States is at peace ...

Shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

Every such vessel, her tackle, apparel, and furniture, together with all materials, arms, ammunition, and stores which may have been procured for the building and equipment thereof, shall be forfeited, one half to the use of the informer and the other half to the use of the United States.

18 U.S.C. § 962 (emphasis added).

I write you as an "informer" pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 962 to notify you that according to the information that I have received an organization known as the "Free Gaza Movement" ("FGM"), while acting within the United States, has furnished and fitted out, and has attempted to furnish and fit out, a large number of vessels (listed below), with the intent that those vessels be employed in the service

of a group of anti-Israeli insurgents to cruise and commit hostilities against the State of Israel, a state with which the United States is at peace.

Specifically, the vessels at issue have been and/or will be used to violate Israel's naval blockade of the Gaza Strip, and to otherwise commit hostilities against Israel.

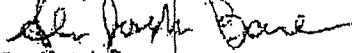
According to the information that I have received, the vessels that persons acting within the United States have already furnished and fitted out and/or attempted to furnish and fit out, in violation of § 962, are the following:

- The Mavi Marmara
- The Audacity of Hope
- The Rachel Corrie
  
- The Challenger I
- The Challenger II
- The Gazze
- The Tali
- The Arion
- The Sfendoni (Boat 8000)
- The Tamara (Eleftheri Mesoghios)
- The Seven Y Two (Irene)
- The Finch
- The Tahrir
- The Stefano Chiriani

Pursuant to § 962, I intend to bring an action for forfeiture of all the vessels listed above, with half of the proceeds to the undersigned as informer and the other half to the United States. While a conviction is not a prerequisite for forfeiture under § 962 (see *The Three Friends*, 17 S.Ct. 495, 497 (1897)), I nonetheless respectfully request that your office take all appropriate steps to bring to justice the parties involved in violations of § 962 in respect to these vessels.

Please do not hesitate to have your office contact me to obtain any further details or information that you may require.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Alan J. Bauer

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