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To,
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Re: Your Freedom of Information query to the IDF Spokesperson with respect to enemy remains during Operation Protective Edge

Dear Madam,

1. Your query dated April 5, 2015 was received by our department and transferred to the competent officials for a response.
2. Below please find the response of the IDF Spokesperson's Public Communication Department:
 1. All 19 corpses of Palestinians held by Israel have been transferred into the territory of the state subsequent to their death.
 2. With respect to the remains which are the subject of your query, the remains of this particular person were collected during an incident involving significant operational complexities. After it became clear that there was no need to hold the remains for the purpose of the operational inquiry, they were buried in the cemetery for enemy dead, in keeping with the rules practiced by the Military Rabbinate. Pending burial, the remains were kept in appropriate, dignified conditions, as required.
 3. As previously conveyed, the Military Rabbinate has information that helps locate the remains, however, we stress, that the remains have not been certifiably identified.
 4. The need to bury remains stems from the fact that partial enemy remains have arrived into our territory. These were properly buried, in keeping with common practice.
3. We are happy to be at your service in future.

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