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To:

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Re: Your letter entitled: “Request for response to communication regarding arbitrary blanket foreign travel ban imposed on many West Bank residents traveling through Allenby Bridge – Response of Civil Administration, Judea and Samaria Area.

Your letter dated September 1, 2014

1. I hereby confirm receipt of your captioned letter.
2. In your letter, you complained of an “arbitrary, blanket ban” you allege has been imposed on foreign travel by many residents of the Judea and Samaria Area.
3. Your letter has been reviewed by the relevant officials at the Civil Administration. Our response follows:
 - a. Despite the allegations made in your letter, we stress that neither during nor after Operation Brother’s Keeper was an “arbitrary blanket ban” imposed on foreign travel by residents of the Judea and Samaria Area, and as such, your captioned letter lacks a factual basis.
 - b. It is, however, noted, that over the last few months, as part of Operation Brother’s Keeper, foreign travel bans have been entered against Judea and Samaria residents on an individual basis and in keeping with professional – security criteria.
 - c. It is further noted that, as you have been informed by the Operations Department Branch Head, at the present time, given the improvement in security conditions, a process of removing many of these travel bans has been carried out by security officials, following individual examination.

- d. It is important to note that the liaison officers at the Allenby Bridge border crossing processed each person who was under a travel ban according to procedure. It is stressed that Civil Administration officers brought humanitarian/exceptional cases to the attention of security officials at the border crossing for further review and determination whether the resident may be allowed to travel abroad despite the preclusion. At the same time, it is noted, that any appeal lodged was reviewed on its merits, in reference to the individual case.

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Respectfully,

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