



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Mr. Gerard Horton
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Dear Mr. Horton,

Thank you for your letter of September 26 and the December 2, 2015 letter signed by you and six other attorneys from Military Court Watch.

The U.S. administration follows this issue closely and has consistently advocated policies to make the military detention system more humane and efficient, especially as it relates to minors, while at the same time balancing Israel's legitimate security concerns. Our annual Country Report on Human Rights Practices discusses in depth the issues of administrative detention, the transfer of detainees from the West Bank to Israel, and the treatment of Palestinian minors in Israeli prisons.

We remain fully committed to working with the Government of Israel, the Palestinian Authority, and civil society organizations to assist in addressing concerns related to prisoners' rights. At the same time, we remain focused on working with both parties to find a path to peace, so that the aspirations of both peoples for a secure, prosperous, and just future can be realized.

We hope this information is helpful to you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance on this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Blome", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Donald A. Blome
Consul General