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DEAR MR. JOSEPH L. MEADORS !

As one of the three commanders of the torpedo boats which were involved in the attack, I want to refer to this event.

Since June 67 I am deeply troubled by the tragedy which caused the death of 34 USS Liberty's crew members and left many others wounded physically and emotionally.

I live in a country, involved during all the years since it turned independent in numerous wars and endless number of terrorist events, the outcome of which is , that almost every home in Israel has been somehow connected to bereavement or death, We fully understand and can feel the loss of a son, father , brother or husband.

No words will bring back those who died, no words can make up for the ultimate loss. But, let me assure you that, the incident happened as a result of an unfortunate sequence of mistakes, during a war, and we feel deeply sorry for the families who lost their beloved.

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