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The Honorable Shaul Mofaz
Minister of Defense
The Kirya
Tel Aviv, Israel

Dear Minister Mofaz:

I deeply regret the tragic loss of the space shuttle Columbia this morning.

Colonel Ramon was a true space pioneer for your country, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.

With my deepest regrets,

Sincerely,

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