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To: Brigadier General Avichai Mandelblit Military Advocate General	<b>By fax: 03-5694526</b> <b>Urgent!</b>

Re: **The Investigation into the Military's Use of Phosphorus Shells in Residential Neighborhoods of the Gaza Strip**

1. In recent days, some of the media has reported that the military is conducting an investigation into the use of phosphorus shells during the fighting in the Gaza Strip, and especially regarding the shelling of a residential neighborhood of the Strip with phosphorus.
2. It was further reported, that this matter is being examined by a special team convened by the GOC Southern Command.  
See for instance:  
Amos Harel "IDF Probes Improper Use of Phosphorus Shells in the Gaza Strip" **Haaretz Online News 21 January 2009**;  
<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1057361.html>  
  
Amir Buhbut "Security Forces Admit: the IDF Fired Phosphorus Shells in Gaza" **nrg Ma'ariv News 19 January 2009**;  
[www.nrg.co.il/online/1/ART1/842/440.html](http://www.nrg.co.il/online/1/ART1/842/440.html) (Hebrew)  
  
Hanan Greenberg "The IDF on the Devastation in Gaza: Hamas chose the Battle Ground" **Ynet Yediot Aharonot News 19 January 2009**.  
[www.ynet.co.il/articles/0,7340,L-3658809,00.html](http://www.ynet.co.il/articles/0,7340,L-3658809,00.html) (Hebrew)
3. In light of the above, we request to learn who is in charge of the investigation, and when is it scheduled to conclude.
4. In addition, **we request to receive a copy of the investigation and its findings as soon as possible.**
5. I would be grateful for your attention in this matter.

Respectfully,  
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