

EMBASSY OF ISRAEL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Dear Surgeon General,

I was deeply touched by your letter and moved by the fact that inspite of your busy schedule and responsibilities you took the time to inquire about my health.

I was lucky indeed to be a beneficiary of the outstanding skills of American physicians - who managed to perform my triple by-pass surgery, successfully enough to enable me to be out of the hospital after 6 days and back to work 21 days after surgery.

I seize this opportunity to renew the expression of my sentiment of gratitude for the campaign against smoking initiated by you during your visit to Israel.

As a direct result of your efforts and the publicity given to your statements - we see today an improvement in the situation in this respect in Israel: the number of people that smoke has diminished.

Wishing you and your family good health and in the hope to have the privilege to see you soon again.

Sincerely,

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