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The Honorable Francis J. West
Assistant Secretary of Defense
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Dear Bing:

The President's decision to continue the suspension of F-16 deliveries to Israel remains in effect. We will provide you with prompt notification of any change in this situation. Our understanding is that approximately seven to ten days are required to inspect and prepare the F-16 aircraft, and to develop new flight clearances and plans.

Sincere regards,

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