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Mr. Mosha Arens, Minister of Defense
Ministry of Defense
Hakiryra
Tel Aviv, Israel

Dear Minister Arens:

The Committee on Academic Freedom of the Middle East Studies Association has been saddened to learn of the death of Professor Albert Glock, director of the archeology center at Bir Zeit University, on January 19, 1992. The Middle East Studies Association comprises 2200 academics worldwide who teach and conduct research on the Middle East and North Africa. The Association publishes the respected *The International Journal of Middle East Studies*. The Association is committed to ensuring respect for academic freedom throughout the region.

We urge you to mount an exhaustive investigation into the cause of Professor Glock's death. We have been concerned to learn that no police or military personnel came to the site of his death until three hours after he died, by which time the assassin could not be pursued and a careful investigation of evidence could not be undertaken.

We are also distressed to learn that a full curfew was imposed on Ramallah on the day of the planned memorial service at the Lutheran Church of Hope. As a result, Professor Glock's students, colleagues and friends were unable to assemble to mourn his loss and to offer condolences to his wife. International phone lines to Ramallah were also cut, preventing friends abroad from contacting the university.

We will appreciate your sending us information on the results of the investigation into the cause of Professor Glock's death.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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