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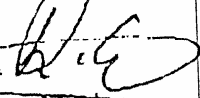
Dear Charles,

The following are the answers to your three questions.

I have requested the tape of the Muhammed al Durra incident, solely for use within the office. The recent publications which have detailed the ensuing lawsuit against various bodies in connection with the Muhammed al Durra incident have raised many questions about the nature of the tape itself. This has hoisted the tape into a realm of historical significance in and of itself. Furthermore, the impact that the incident has had on the development of the second intifada and how Israel is viewed in the international press have led me to understand that this tape is an important item that I must add to my archive. I will view it in my office with my staff for the purpose of understanding the points of view taken by each side in the law suit which has brought the Muhammed al Durra incident back into the media spotlight. I will lend my personal analysis of the tape to briefings which I deliver, on the subject of Israeli public relations and "hasbara."

The Prime Minister's Office is making no inquiry, official otherwise into the legitimacy of the tape. We solely want a better understanding of what is being said on either side of the current media publications.

Our office is not linked to "Media Rating." A journalist by the name of Phillip Karsenty made contact with my assistant in the same way that many foreign journalists do when inquiring into government policy. I can assure you that we emphasize to those who enquire, that we have no official involvement, in any way, in the ensuing law suit. The tape will be used, only to demonstrate the impact of T.V. images on the intifada and on people's perceptions of reality.

Sincerely,
Dr. Ra'anan Gissin 
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