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Dear Senator Dole:

Thank you for your July 2 letter enclosing correspondence from your constituent Hani A. Daifallah. Mr. Daifallah is concerned about the fate of his two brothers Basel and Mohammed, who were recently sentenced to death by a Kuwaiti court.

Since Kuwait's liberation, the U.S. has carefully followed Kuwait's martial law and state security trials of accused collaborators. This includes monitoring the trials and appeals of the convictions of ten Palestinian/Jordanians, including the Daifallah brothers, recently sentenced to death for their membership in the terrorist Arab Liberation Front and for collaboration with the Iraqis.

The U.S. Embassy in Kuwait and the State Department have repeatedly stressed to the Government of Kuwait the importance of adherence to generally accepted international standards in the conduct of these trials. We are currently assessing the procedures which were followed concerning these convictions. We will update you when this assessment is complete.

The next step under Kuwaiti law in these cases is an automatic appeal to the court of cassation, which will review the sentences. If the court of cassation upholds the sentence of death, the Amir will then decide whether to execute the sentences or grant clemency.

I hope this information will assist you in responding to your constituent. Please contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Wendy R. Sherman

Wendy R. Sherman
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Enclosure:
Correspondence Returned

The Honorable
Bob Dole,
United States Senate.