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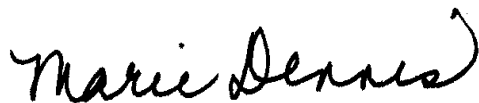
Your Excellency:

We are writing to you regarding the situation in Camp Ashraf and the welfare of its residents. As you know, to avert another crisis, 400 residents of Camp Ashraf are prepared to move to a new location at Camp Liberty. Recently we have received reports that the government of Iraq is likely to prevent residents from taking their personal belongings, including their cars, with them as they move. Such a restriction would be tantamount to placing this vulnerable group in prison and, we believe, would be inconsistent with international law.

We respectfully ask for your intervention in resolving this impasse. Please use the full extent of your authority to press the government of Iraq to be flexible in meeting the demands of the Ashraf residents, who are making every effort to reach a peaceful solution.

Thank you for your assistance in this urgent situation.

Respectfully yours,



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