

NEIL BUSH

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His Excellency Sabah Al Khalid Al Sabah
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs
State of Kuwait

Re: Request to Confirm Meeting

Your Excellency:

I write to inform you that I will be leading a delegation of former high level U.S. officials to Kuwait arriving on Saturday, March 23, 2019 and departing on the evening of Tuesday, March 26, 2019. These gentlemen share my desire to help Kuwait from suffering international reputational damage that continues to threaten your great country because of the inappropriate incarceration of Maria (Marsha) Lazareva and Saeed Dashti.

I write to ask for a meeting with you and also ask for your assistance in scheduling a meeting with His Highness the Amir of Kuwait for the purpose of bringing final resolution to the matter of the wrongful conviction and detention of Marsha Lazareva and Saeed Dashti. I am asking for you to arrange the release of Ms. Lazareva and Mr. Dashti from jail, dismiss all charges, and release their travel ban prior to or during my visit. I am attempting to make arrangements to bring Ms. Lazareva, her mother, and son back to the United States to their home in Pennsylvania with me. I believe you also know that Ms. Lazareva's five-year old son and mother are both current U.S. citizens.

For your information, I arrive via Kuwait Airlines Flight KU118 at 4:00 pm Saturday March 23rd and will join illustrious colleagues including Ambassador Jim Nicholson, the former U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs, former U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican, and former chairman of the Republican National Committee; Ed Royce, former U.S. Congressman and immediate past chairman of the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee; Louis Freeh, the former director of the U.S. FBI and former U.S. federal district court judge; David Hammond and Jim Flood, partners in the U.S. law firm of Crowell and Moring, LLP; and Douglas Maguire, a member of the U.S. law firm of Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Schreck.

I will also be accompanied by Cherie Blair, CBE QC, a well-known human rights advocate, who has joined our team.

Your Excellency, I personally have tremendous respect for you and Kuwait, as does the entire Bush family. I know that you would like to amicably resolve this matter. The time to do so is now. I would ask for your assistance in coordinating the logistics of our visit in Kuwait. I am happy to direct members of our delegation to coordinate our meeting together and the trip through whoever you deem appropriate.

I greatly appreciate your hospitality towards me and our prior delegation and I look forward to meeting with you in person to help you resolve this matter and avoid unnecessary further international complications for Kuwait. Wishing you all the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Neil Bush', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Neil Bush

CC: R. James Nicholson
Former U.S. Cabinet Officer, Ambassador and RNC Chair

Ed Royce
Former U.S. Congressman, House Foreign Affairs Committee Chair

Louis Freeh
Former Director of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation

Secretary Michael Pompeo
U.S. Secretary of State

The Honorable Lawrence R. Silverman
U.S. Ambassador to the State of Kuwait

The Honorable Michael Davenport
United Kingdom Ambassador to the State of Kuwait

H.E. Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah
Kuwait Ambassador to the United States