



THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
 OF THE  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
 TO THE  
 UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
 IN GENEVA

September 30, 2014

Patricia Arias  
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 United Nations Office of the High Commissioner  
 for Human Rights (UNOHCHR)  
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Dear Ms. Arias:

Thank you for your letter of March 27, 2014, concerning a matter involving Mr. Taha Yaseen Arraq Rashid, Mr. Asa'ad Hamza Hanfoosh Al-Zuba'e and Mr. Suhail Najim Abdullah Al Shimari. We note that the matter is still pending in U.S. courts, and please be assured that we are giving your request due consideration.

Sincerely,

Pamela Hamamoto  
 Ambassador

OHCHR REGISTRY

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The Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights), and refers to the Secretariat's note dated March 27, 2014, concerning a matter involving Mr. Taha Yaseen Arraq Rashid, Mr. Asa'ad Hamza Hanfoosh Al-Zuba'e and Mr. Suhail Najim Abdullah Al Shimari.

The Permanent Mission of the United States provides the attached interim response to the March 27 note.

The Permanent Mission of the United States avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of OHCHR the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Permanent Mission of the  
United States of America,  
Geneva, September 30, 2014.

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