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Dear Special Procedures Mandate Holders,

Thank you for your correspondence dated July 14, 2020. Please find enclosed the U.S. response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel A. Kronenfeld".

Daniel A. Kronenfeld
Human Rights Counselor

SUBJECT: U.S. Response to UN Joint Urgent Appeal from Special Procedures regarding the Resettlement of Former U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay (NSGB) Detainees to the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Thank you for your letter dated July 14, 2020, concerning Mr. Ravil Mingazov, Mr. Haji Hamdullah, and 18 individuals from Yemen. We are grateful for the work you do across the globe to promote respect for human rights, and for the opportunity to provide the below information concerning U.S. law, policy, and practice.

As your letter acknowledges, from 2015 to 2017 these individuals were transferred from the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in a manner consistent with the United States' legal obligations and following agreed-upon assurances between the United States and the UAE regarding the terms of their resettlement in the UAE. Following the transfer of detainees out of Guantanamo, former detainees are no longer in the control or custody of the United States. Host countries are in the best position to provide information on the current situation of Guantanamo transferees.