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Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

November 18, 1991

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

We are pleased with the release of Thomas Sutherland and Terry Waite. The release of these hostages after years of captivity in Lebanon is a time of joy for them and their families.

For their assistance in the release, we wish to thank the United Nations, and the Governments of Iran, Syria, and Lebanon.

Our joy is mixed, however, with deep concern over those who remain in captivity. We call again for the release of all those in the region who are held hostage outside the process of law. All of them must be free. We support the initiative of the Secretary General of the United Nations to secure their safe, immediate, and unconditional release. The three remaining American hostages and the other hostages being held in Lebanon must be reunited with their loved ones and there must be a full accounting of all those who have died in captivity and the return of their remains.

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The Honorable George Bush

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Dear President Bush,

Our congratulations on your exceptional success in convening the historic Middle East Peace Conference. The hope and expectation of bringing stability and peace to this troubled region has greater validity than at any time in memory, due to the extraordinary efforts of your Administration.

Among the issues we hope will be addressed, is the searing question of the western hostages and the plight of Israel's MIAs.

Syria, which has been implicated in the taking of the hostages must be held accountable. The Israeli MIAs are also rumored to be held in territories controlled by Syria, which has not complied with the request of the Red Cross and others, regarding the status of these soldiers.

We sincerely hope that now, with greater leverage in our government's relations with Syria, it is the opportune time for the Administration to do everything within its means, to address and resolve this most urgent human rights issue.

We trust our government will make these efforts on our behalf in establishing a record of concern and success. We thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Ruth Kastner
Executive Director