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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ALBERT MOKHIBER

SUBJECT: REQUESTS TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT TO MAP
OUT A STRATEGY TO BE TAKEN TO SAFEGUARD
AGAINST ANTI-ARAB VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION
THAT CONTINUES TO WORSEN

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President George Bush
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Dear President Bush:

I appreciate the remarks that you made Friday, once again, denouncing anti-Arab violence and discrimination. However, as the situation continues to worsen, I would hope that extra efforts would be taken to safeguard our community and stem any further violence.

As you requested offers of information to assist you in this matter, I would like to take this opportunity to request a meeting with you in order that we may map out such a strategy. As the President of the largest Arab-American organization and one that is dedicated to civil rights issues, I hope that you will consider this offer seriously and respond soon.

In the meantime, one concrete suggestion that would go a long way is the elimination of further "interviews" of Arab-Americans by the FBI and an apology to the Arab-American community for this misguided policy. As you may know the FBI policy to question or interview Arab-Americans about information that they have about terrorism has been viewed by our community as quite offensive and has placed us in further danger of hate crimes.

This situation must be viewed in light of the fact that the FBI questioning has caused the Arab-American community to become a suspect class, thereby heightening suspicions about who we are, and more importantly, who we are not. Although this is certainly not an indictment against American society, it does however, speak to the issues of hate crimes which a small minority of individuals and groups engage in, much to the detriment of our community.

Therefore, I reiterate my appeal to you and the FBI that this policy be eliminated immediately and that the call for information on terrorism should be directed instead to all Americans. Nobody stands firmer than Arab-Americans on issues of protecting our borders and safeguarding ourselves from acts of



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terrorism. Perhaps because nobody knows, like our community, what it means to be targeted by such criminals, as is exemplified in the outstanding FBI investigation of the terrorist bombing of our office in Santa Ana on October 11, 1985 which took the life of our dear colleague, Alex Odeh.

Hoping to hear from you with your favorable reply soon, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Albert Mokhiber', written in a cursive style.

Albert Mokhiber
President

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