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Via Facsimile 202.225.5745

Congressman Dennis Kucinich
2445 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Statements regarding your alleged association and visit to Syria with Mr. Anas (Alex) Soueid

Dear Congressman Kucinich:

I am deeply distressed that statements made by me to the press were taken out of context. After a detention hearing yesterday in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to have my client Mr. Mohamed Anas Haitham Soueid released from detention, I was approached by a reporter for the Associate Press to provide a statement. I provided a statement that intended to demonstrate that a mere visit to Syria and a meeting with President Assad is not evidence of collaboration with Syrian intelligence. I went on to say that Mr. Soueid attended a meeting with President Assad along with other Syrian Americans and religious leaders. I also explained that Congressmen Kucinich went to Syria as well around that same time and spoke to President Assad to raise concerns about the Syrian government's actions. That statement was inadvertently misunderstood to mean that you and Mr. Soueid went together or that Mr. Soueid was part of your official delegation. That is not our position. I did not intend to convey that Mr. Soueid was part of your official delegation or that you traveled together. My statement simply sought to draw a parallel between your visit and that of Mr. Soueid.

While I am not one of your constituents I follow your positions and views and I am continuously impressed by your courageous political positions and your commitment to your constituents. I regret that my statements may have caused you any embarrassment or a need to have to answer for matters that you are not associated with.

Sincerely,

Haytham Faraj, Esq.