

**Letter dated 17 March 2009 from the Secretary of State of the United States of America addressed to the Secretary-General**

Thank you for your letter noting the status of efforts to locate the missing Kuwaiti archives and expressing concern over the lack of progress in this regard.

The United States shares your concern regarding the location and repatriation of these documents and fully supports the work of Ambassador Tarasov in this effort, and more generally, Ambassador Tarasov's role as High-level Coordinator for missing Kuwaiti and third-country nationals and missing Kuwaiti property. His work, and that of his predecessor Yuri Vorontsov, has, indeed, been commendable.

Regrettably, the United States has no information at this time regarding the whereabouts of these documents. It is our hope that the greatly improved environment in Iraq, which the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq helped to bring about through its work on elections preparation and political reconciliation, will increase opportunities to investigate the whereabouts of these documents.

The United States looks forward to the Ambassador's comprehensive report this April and assisting, if possible, in the documents' recovery.

*(Signed)* Hillary **Rodham Clinton**