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October 2, 2002

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Over the last several months, North Korea has gained the world's attention with a variety of public diplomatic gestures and apparent domestic policy adjustments. As a result of these actions, the subject of U.S. policy toward North Korea has come to a crucial juncture. I am sure we share the hope that Kim Jong-il is finally bringing sincere reforms to North Korean society, though past experience hardly inspires confidence. In any case, my concern for the plight of the North Korean people has not abated.

North Koreans continue to seek refuge in diplomatic missions on Chinese soil, and tens of thousands of North Koreans live in fear of repatriation in northeast China. Millions more remain in the shadow of communist repression inside North Korea's borders. As you know, Senator Kennedy and I heard testimony from a variety of North Korean experts and escapees at a hearing of the Senate's Subcommittee on Immigration this past June. Earlier this month, I met Jang Gilsu, whose drawings of life inside North Korea represent the ongoing challenge we face in dealing with that country.

As your administration responds to this past year's many developments on the Korean peninsula and prepares to restart dialogue with the north, I urge you to make the issue of human rights and North Korean refugees an important part of the agenda. I am aware of the delicacy of dealing with a regime that is attempting to construct nuclear weapons and that habitually engages in the proliferation of sensitive missile technology. I firmly believe, however, that we can never lose sight of the people who continue to shoulder the burden of Kim Jong-il's misguided policies. You have rightly characterized the North Korean regime as evil. Let us make sure that even as we combat that evil directly, we relieve its effects on those people whose biggest concern is survival and that U.S. policy continues to be informed by our long-standing commitment to human rights and refugees.

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Mr. President, I commend you on your efforts to bring greater security to the world and to advance American values around the globe. I look forward to working with you to achieve both goals with respect to the Korean peninsula.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Brownback". The signature is stylized, with a large, bold "S" and "B".

Sam Brownback
U.S. Senate

October 9, 2002

Dear Sam:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to the President urging him to make the issue of human rights and North Korean refugees an important part of his agenda.

I have shared your letter with the President's advisors and the appropriate agencies who have been formulating policy recommendations in this area. Your letter is receiving their close and careful attention. You will be receiving a more detailed response in the near future.

Thank you for your comments.

Sincerely,

Nicholas E. Calio
Assistant to the President and
Director of Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Sam Brownback
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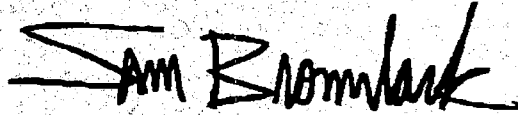
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Sam Brownback
U.S. Senate



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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Senator Brownback:

Thank you for your letter of October 2, to which the President has asked me to respond.

The Administration shares your concern about the repression and suffering of the North Korean people and is committed to keeping human rights on our agenda with the regime in that country. During his October discussions in Pyongyang, Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs James A. Kelly highlighted U.S. concerns about the deplorable human rights record of the North Korean regime. Repeatedly and at high levels, we have also urged the Chinese government not to return North Koreans to their homeland against their will. We have urged the PRC to work with the international community, particularly UNHCR, to meet the needs of these people. We have also discussed the matter with UNHCR and sought to coordinate approaches with Japan and South Korea in the Trilateral Coordination and Oversight Group (TCOG).

We have serious concerns about the North Korean regime, which we believe poses a serious challenge to the security and stability of the Asia-Pacific region and the world through its destabilizing development and transfers of weapons of mass destruction and its deplorable record on human rights. These are issues on which we are consulting closely with friends, allies and members of Congress. Let me reiterate that we will keep the issue of North Korea's treatment of its people and their suffering high on our agenda. We hope we can count on your support in the months to come on this critical issue in our foreign policy.

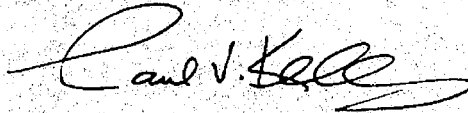
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If we may be of further assistance in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Paul V. Kelly
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
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October 17, 2002

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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FROM: THE HONORABLE SAM BROWNBACK
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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