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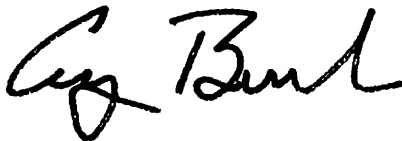
Dear Mrs. Boland:

My belated thanks for your touching letter. I know how you hurt from the loss of your son. There is little I can say, except this: I am as determined as ever to get to the bottom of the Pan Am 103 terrorist act.

With regard to the meeting with President Assad, I had a very frank discussion with him about international terror. Having said that, it is important that we have the broadest possible support in the stand against Saddam Hussein. We have differences, fundamental differences, with several of the countries who are supporting the United Nations efforts. These differences relate to human rights, to the lack of political freedom, to economic systems and, yes, to our definition and approach to international terror. But the United States, along with the world community, cannot and will not shirk its responsibility to stand up to Saddam Hussein's aggression and violations of international law. Saddam Hussein must not succeed.

Thank you for writing to me from the heart. Your son is not forgotten, and we will continue to seek out those who perpetrated a vile act of terrorism. Please know that Barbara and I are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Bush". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mrs. Jane Boland
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