Exhibit B

DEFENDANT HASSOUN'S SENTENCING MEMORANDUM SETTING FORTH
MOTION FOR DOWNWARD DEPARTURE AND
REQUEST FOR BELOW-GUIDELINES SENTENCE

COMPOSITE EXHIBIT A

November 22, 2007

To : Honorable Judge Cooke

From: Nahed Wannous Subject: Adham Hassoun

Dear Honorable Judge Cooke,

This letter is about my husband, Adham Hassoun. I appreciate your taking the time to read it. What you will be reading is based on my strong knowledge of Adham Hassoun as my husband, and as the father of my children. Living with him for years also gave me a great idea about his relation with his parents especially with his sister who was also my neighbor, his friendship with people, his commitment to his job, and his interaction with the community in general.

I've known Adham Hassoun for a long time before our marriage, long enough to confirm that he is a good person. He never had any problems with the law, and he never tried to hurt anyone. On the contrary, he was very loving, caring, responsible, reliable, and protective to his parents and family. He was a sincere, generous, and very helpful friend. He was a very reliable, hardworking, and dedicated employee. He loved to bring happiness to people, especially to children; I've seen him going out of his way to bring gifts to distribute to the children of the community during holidays. He was very merciful and generous with orphans, widowed poor women who had no supporters, needy people, and people suffering from natural or war disasters. With his smartness, strong personality, sense of humor, generosity, wisdom, and great readiness for help at any time, Adham Hassoun built a very strong relation with everybody around him: parents, wife, children, neighbors, friends, co-workers, and the whole community in general.

As the father of my children, Adham Hassoun is one of the best fathers I've ever met. He loves all children in general, and specifically his own. He plays with them like he's one of them. He goes down to their level and puts himself in their places before he talks to them. It was extremely important for him to watch the children as long as they were awake to make sure they didn't get hurt, and to make sure they were happy and satisfied. The latter gave him a special pleasure. At the same time, he is very firm with them when they do anything wrong. That's why his children love him, respect him, and obey him at the same time.

Adham Hassoun is indeed a role model for his children. When the teacher of his thirteen-year-old son asked him to write about things he would like to change in his father to make the latter closer to him, he answered: "I like my father the way he is." He used to do a lot of activities with his kids: playing indoor and outdoor, going to the

park, playing computer and Nintendo games, watching TV, feeding each other, working in the backyard, cleaning up, etc...He sometimes took them to work with him, they were his helpers when he used to fix something broken inside the house - for he was a handyman, too - not to mention the disciplinary role he fulfilled at all times as their father.

Your Honor, the impact of Adham Hassoun's absence on his children is very severe, especially nowadays where you have to prove yourself in the society and have a very strong personality to get your rights from others, otherwise they will be lost and you will be stepped on. My children are still struggling to fit in, and every time somebody hurts them the first thing they say: If Dad were here, this wouldn't have happened. They feel they lost the support they need with the absence of their father, and there is nobody to defend them and stand side-by-side with them. Don't wonder, your Honor, about me. I'm usually very shy and introvert. So all I tell them is to forgive whoever hurts them and God will reward them. My answer, of course, never satisfies them.

My seven-year-old son doesn't know his father except from the pictures and from the things his older brothers and I tell him. He asked me once: "Why do all my friends have fathers but not me?" I broke with tears. "Of course you have a father, don't you talk to him on the phone? They took him by mistake, and when they realize they're wrong they will release him, hopefully soon." I said. His teachers don't know anything about his father's situation, still one of them told me once: "The way he deals with his friends shows that there is a great anger inside him and he wants to release it."....The same words were said by another teacher about my middle, thirteen-year-old son....

Coming to my fifteen-year-old son, his father's absence at this age makes him think that he is the man now, not in the positive way that makes him responsible, but rather in the sense that he wants to control his brothers and do everything around the house his own way without any consideration for his brother's feelings or opinions. This surely brings lots of problems to my family on a daily basis, not to mention the struggle I go through when he wants to go out with his friends or when he wants to do anything without accepting any question from me, his Mom, for he's an independent young adult now! When I show him that such behavior is unacceptable to me he blames it on me, for I don't know how to deal with him – in his sight – and if his Dad were here he would have treated him fairly and he would have had a happier life.

Furthermore, your Honor, the absence of Adham Hassoun is shaping the manhood of all his children very wrongly. It happened many times that they say: "When we grow up we will take money from our uncle to do so and so"...That's how they are being raised now. The picture of the hardworking father who is struggling to get the money needed to support his family is missing, and they think they will keep

depending on their uncle for the rest of their life. I try hard to explain that they need to work to support themselves and their families in the future. But the practical example to follow is gone with the imprisonment of their father...

Your Honor, once I start talking about the problems I'm having with my children due to their father's absence, it is hard to stop. Please excuse me. I'll try to move on.

As my husband, Adham Hassoun took good care of me. He used to take permission from his supervisor at work to take me to the doctor and never asked me to go by myself - when he knew I'm uncomfortable with the idea - or to cancel my appointment. He defended and protected me: When he heard people making fun of me because of the way I dress, he asked them to be nice and respectful. He was very helpful sometimes: He used to help me around the house whenever he felt I was overwhelmed by the many responsibilities I had or when I was tired. He sometimes vacuumed, or picked up the children's toys distributed everywhere downstairs, or cleaned up the kitchen after we finished eating. He even prepared a delicious tuna salad sometimes. He was very generous: If I asked him to buy me one outfit he would buy three. And after I started driving he used to tell me: "You have the credit card; go buy what you need without asking me." Your Honor, my husband Adham Hassoun is a very responsible family leader. He provided his children and myself with everything we needed around the house to make us carry a happy and easy life. He worked long hours and sacrificed his comfort to support us financially. During our downs, and every couple has their ups-and-downs, he showed great wisdom containing my instant, angry impulses. My husband, Adham Hassoun, really values familial life. He appreciated what I did for him and for the children, and he used to make a nice and short supplication asking God to reward me and give me the strength. Those few words used to give me the emotional push-up I needed that day. In all, your honor, Adham Hassoun is a good, loving, caring, reliable, helpful, protective, and generous husband.

Here, allow me, your Honor, to take more time from you to open my heart for you and talk about the impact of my husband's imprisonment on my life. Mere thinking of writing about it brings tears to my eyes. I had no family around me in the U.S., no mother, no father, no sister, and no brother. My husband Adham Hassoun was all my family. I sometimes asked him to be the judge between himself and me when he did something upsetting to me, so he used to be a fair judge when I turned to him nicely, and he used to apologize. Here in Lebanon I don't have any family around me either. With the absence of my husband, I have nobody to turn to. I feel so lonely, and emotionally impaired. I need to feel that somebody is there for me whenever I need him, to support me when I'm facing problems, to encourage me when I get weak, to appreciate my hard work with the children and tell me those thankful words that make me forget my fatigue. I can't find that somebody with this forceful separation from my

husband.

Your Honor, raising three boys alone is very hard. Two of them are teen-agers (15 and 13 years old). Do you know what that means to me? Struggle, nervousness, exhaustion, stress, depression, and wishing death for myself every single day rather than having to raise them by myself without the father figure that they badly need to interact with on a daily basis.

Your Honor, when someone does something wrong and he gets severely punished for it, I say: despite all the heart-breaking suffering he's experiencing, he deserves it because big mistakes bring big punishments. It breaks my heart when I think about my husband knowing that he doesn't deserve the suffering he's living and which is leading to my own and my kids suffering, too. Taken away from his wife and children, taken away from the comfort of his home, taken away from his career, deprived from his social life, which is extremely valuable for him, and kept in prison for long years without the tiniest substantial evidence for the charge he was accused of?!!

Your Honor, long before the trial started, my husband understood that he could plead guilty and be assured a fairly short term of years in jail. But my husband, knowing that he didn't hurt anyone - and he didn't even try to - not in the U.S. nor in any other country, refused because he believed in the American justice.

Your Honor, the normal and happy life of five people (Adham Hassoun, myself, and our three children) depends directly on your decision at this stage. The reunion of our family depends on you. We badly need your help. I hope you help us.

Please help.

Truly,
Nahed Wannous

November 1, 2007

Dear Judge Cooke:

I'm writing this letter to describe my relationship over the years with Adham Hassoun.

I have known him since he came to work for MarCom Technologies in the 90's as a computer programmer. When he first came to MarCom we were a small company with the intent at being the best Marketing firm in the industry. When hiring we were looking for people who would share in our growth and mission statement, and Adham brought that desire to the table.

We worked very closely the first few years, Adham as a programmer and my position as the Center Manager. I came to rely on Adham during his hours at work and numerous times would have to call him off hours at home. No matter the time of day Adham never refused to help. He knew that if we could not resolve the issue that hundreds of people would be sent home for the day, causing them to lose pay. Over the years I do not recall one single time that when called he was not there to help me. As we grew into multiple centers we hired more programmers and I did not work daily with Adham but still kept him as a contact for off hours issues, which even if he was not assigned as the programmer on call for that day, he still helped.

I did not socialize with Adham's family, but watched the birth and growth of his children that he bought to the office over the years. He openly showed his love and support for his family and friends.

I had on many occasions watched him help co-workers with car problems, loss of loved ones, financial issues, just being Adham, a man I always stated would give you the last \$5.00 he had.

The Adham I've had the pleasure of knowing was a hard working man dedicated to God, Family, and work. He has been found guilty by a jury of his peers, but not proven guilty in my eyes. He is still my friend.

Sincerely,

Deborah Lynn Gilliam



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To Whom It May Concern:

Adham Hassoun came to work for my company in April 1996 as a computer programmer. We were at that time a small start up company. Adham's role in helping grow the company was major. He never hesitated to help in any department needed. I worked closely with him for the first two years, and as the company grew, Adham assumed the role he was groomed for. He enabled me to focus on the administrative side of our growth, with the peace of mind that the day to day would be taken care of. Adham was trusted with the highest level of security in the company.

I also had many opportunities to spend personal time with Adham We attended lunches, dinners, and social functions.

I personally feel that Adham is a very loyal friend, a very trustworthy employee and a very straight forward person.

For further information, please feel free to contact me.

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October 16, 2002

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have worked with Adham Hassoon at MarCom Technologies, and had known Adham for a long time, and he is proven to be hard working man and trustworthy, and a coworker that you can count on and will go out of his way to help his coworkers, Adham Hassoon was computer programmer, and he was doing a good job reliable, and responsible.

For further information please feel free to contact me.

Hesham Moustafa

Coworker

Alton W Corbe 8105 NW 61st Street # A204 Tamarac, FL 33321 (954) 720-0160

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Adham Hassoun. I have been an acquaintance and coworker to Adham for the past three plus years.

I have known Adham as a very considerate and compassionate person. Please heed the following:

- Adham has always been content with his role as a Marcom employe and always participates as a "Team Player"
- Adham has NEVER said or done anything in a threatening or menacing way; especially in regards to his feelings for Americans or American politics. He has never said anything bad or derogatory about America.
- When a a friend or co-worker had a problem, Adham was always there to support them.

I, for one, am proud to say that Adham is my friend and co-worker. I believe that he is a worthy citizen and someday hope to see him become a proud American.

Sincerely,

Alton W. Corbe

October 18, 2002

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To Whom It May Concern

I have work with Adham Hassoon at MarCom Technologies for about six (6) years and he has been easy to work with. He has helped me with my work from time to time. He is always willing to do more than what his job required. His fellow workers seem to like him and get along very well. He missed here at MarCom.

You may contact me for more information at any time.

David J. Ammons

Coworker

Rose Gonzalez

My Commission CC898538

Expires December 28, 2003

October 16, 2002

Ronald Haley 13731 Oak Ridge Dr Davie, FL 33325

To whom it may concern:

I met Adham Hassoon when I became employed at Marcom Technologies four years ago. He has always treated me extremely well, been very helpful, and a good worker. Adham has always shown a sense of humor and gone out of his way to make others feel welcome. Everyone has felt the void in our department since he has been unavailable.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like further information.

Thank you, Ronald Haley

Coworker

Rose Gonzalez

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October 18, 2002

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have worked with ADHAM HASSOON for the last six years at MARCOM TECHNOLOGIES as Programmer Analyst. I found him extremely knowledgeable, hard working and helpful at work. He was very creative, honest and loyal Coworker. It was a great pleasure working with him. It will be very hard to find his replacement.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at my home phone 954-987-6897.

Thank you,

Shanfuddin Sjed Sharfuddin Syed Programmer Analyst

MARCOM TECHNOLOGIES

xpires December 28, 2003

1258 NW 84th DR Coral Springs, FL 33071 October 17, 2002

Dear Sir:

This letter is to confirm that I worked with Adham Hassoon at Marcom Technologies, and have known Adham for the last four years. Adham and I are coworkers in the computer department. He is very well liked by all coworkers and peers. I have found him to be considerate, polite and courteous at all times. Adham has shown to me to be very reliable and dedicated at his position at MarCom and has bent over backwards to assist me. He would think nothing of giving you his last dollar. From my discussions with Adham, his family and friends are his priority in life. It is a pleasure to have Adham as a friend

If there is anything I can do to assist Adham in any way, please contact me at MarCom.

Sincerely,

Anthony Forro

Rose Gonzalez

My Commission CC898538

10/18/2002

To Whom It May Concern:

I German Carmona was employed with Marcom in 1999 for approximately 1 year. I had the pleasure of working with Adham Hassoun. He is a friend, a family man and posess good family values.

Should you need more information, please call (954) 812-3006.

Thanks,

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Rose Gonzalez

My Commission CC898538

Expires December 28, 2003

September 24, 2003

John C. Klasen 8823 NW 20th Manor Coral Springs, FL 33071

To whom it may concern:

I John C. Klasen have been employed at Marcom Technologies since June of 1996 and have worked with Adham Hassoun on a daily basis during that time. I have found Adham to be an honest, hard-working and conscientious. I have spent many a lunch hour with him and consider him to be a good friend.

Should you need any further information, please feel free to call: (954)747-6566 x103 (work) or (954)292-1352 (cell)

Thank you,

John C. Klasen

September 23, 2003

Shushane Dean 3570 NW 85th Way Sunrise, FL 33351

To Whom It May Concern;

I Shushane Dean, have worked with Adham Hassoon at MarCom Technologies for 3 years. I worked directly with Adham during this period of time as well as became established a friendship. I have found Adham to be reliable, trustworthy and man of his word.

For further information please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Shushane Dean Co-Worker 29

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October 15, 2002

Dear Sir or Madam:

It is with some sadness that I write this letter about Adham Hassoun. I, along with millions of other Americans felt sorrow, anger and dismay on September 11, 2001. We were joined in these feelings by countless others from around the world. In my anger, I wanted to strike out at the people responsible for the attacks. I really did not care if we had 100% proof; all I wanted was some action.

Since that period of time, I have remembered what America means to the world. We have been a symbol of hope and freedom for well over 200 years. Our national monuments include gifts from other countries-with the Statue of Liberty, a gift from a foreign people symbolizing what we stood for. We had to temper our anger with a sense of justice and a sense of what was right.

I have had a personal experience with the world gone awry by seeing the arrest and subsequent incarceration of Adham Hassoun. I could use my time to watch TV or do a million other things besides get involved. Many people here in this country do that. The elections are a good example of the relative unwillingness of people to get involved. I fell, though, that if I did not speak out, that I would be giving up not only a part of my freedom, but also the basic freedom that has been a part of the United States since the beginning. Refusal to get involved has resulted in the Holocaust in Germany and the McCarthy era hearings during the early 50s in this country. My not writing a letter for Adham would probably not cause such dire consequences, but if put together with millions of other people's lack of involvement, could result in a change in the way the United States conducts it's business.

That result, regardless of the degree of the change, would mean that the terrorists won on September 11th. The sacrifices people have made since the beginning of our country would be diluted. Therefore, I feel compelled to say something in support of Adham.

I have worked with Marcom since 1994 and worked for Results Technologies for a year prior to that. During that time, I have had numerous interactions with Adham. Sometimes, it was as simple as just being invited for some extra pizza he had at lunch. Virtually every time that I met Adham, he always had a friendly comment. More than this, though, I saw him go out of his way to help his coworkers when they were in need. He was devoted to his family and has brought them to the job site on occasion. I saw how hard he worked for the company. I saw how responsive he was to handling the problems I had with the computers. On September 11th, I saw a man in somow because of the pain his adopted country was experiencing. Never once did I see anything that would convince me that he was an extremist who would cause harm to others.

Our country was founded upon some basic principles. One of the foundations was that every person had basic, innate rights. Those rights were not dependent upon one's circumstances of birth and they were not dependent upon the type of crime a person may have committed. Our laws provide for the preservation of those rights. Those rights can only be abridged in favor of the community rights after some difficult decisions and stringent justification. Normally, those decisions, and the justification that brings the decision about are part of a public forum.

Unfortunately, for both Adham and our country, the forum has not been public. While I sincerely believe that Adham is no threat to the United States, and is in fact an asset, I also believe the government has a responsibility to protect us. If the government has some basis for holding Adham, then this reasoning should be a part of the public forum. If the government has nothing, though, then a grave injustice is being done to an innocent man. Our reactions to Adham should not be based upon the fears and anger arising from the events of September 11th, but should be based on the principles that have been a part of our country since July 4th, 1776.

Sincerely

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In the name of Allah Most Gracious, Most Merciful

THE ISLAMIC SCHOOL OF MIAMI, INC.

September 24, 2003

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Mr. Adham Hassoun

It is my great pleasure to write this reference letter on behalf of Mr. Adham Hassoun. I have known him for ten years. Mr. Hassoun is very active in providing service to the community. He is very dedicated and caring person and he possesses excellent moral values. On a personal note, I have found Mr. Hassoun to be a very bright and enthusiastic individual who carries out his duties always in an outstanding fashion. I strongly recommend him and would be happy to answer any question you may have.

Sincerely,

Bilal Karakira,

Imam of Masjid Annour

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Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003

To Whom It May Concern

Let it be known that I, Rafiq Mahdi, Imam of Masjid Al-Iman and formerly Imam of The Islamic Center of Miami, FL, do hereby express my support for Mr. Adham Hassoun. I have known Mr. Hassoun for several years. He has always shown passion for truth and justice. He has committed no crime and should be afforded the human rights that this nation has become well known for upholding.

I am dismayed and appalled at his prolonged detention. In light of the fact that there have been no charges brought against Mr. Hassoun and that he, in my opinion, poses absolutely no threat to the security of our nation, please do the right thing and release him from detention, so that he may once again be a productive member of our society.

Huby Maldo

Sincerely Yours, Rafig Mahdi (954) 224-0242

Masjid Al-Iman 2542 Franklin Dr. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311 Abid & Susan Hadrous 518 Woodgate Circle Sunrise, Florida 33326

November 6, 2003

Krome Detention Center Miami, Florida

Re. Adham Hassoun

We write this letter on behalf of Mr. Adham Hassoun who has been detained in your facility for the past 17 months. Personally, we have known Adham for over 10 years and as American citizens, we would like to tell you about him. Please try to realize how much Adham is valued in our South Florida Muslim community. He has always gone out of his way to assist families at times with little regard for his own financial outcome. But his help to the community is much more than financial. That's just how he is. Adham will rally the community at a moments notice for such activities as picnics, lectures, to help other Muslims who need help moving, need food, visiting people for Dawa, or even to provide support by just listening to people. He is truly a magnet for this community and it has been a shame that he is unable to be here with his friends and family because he is greatly missed by all of the Muslims in South Florida. He is truly a social worker who would always like to help others especially orphans and the needy. He is a family man and we believe he is unfairly separated from his family and especially his very young children who were so attached to him.

I hope that you will please consider this letter when deciding the future for Mr. Adham Hassoun.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Abid & Susan Hadrous

September 25, 2003

To Whom It May Concern

I have been working as the Director of the School of Islamic Studies at Broward since January of 2000. I have known Mr. Adham Hassoum since then through his involvement in a number of religious and community activities. I have always found him caring for others and helping people in need without any considerations to their race, color or social backgrounds. He was known among the community members as kind, helpful and willing to help anybody who would approach him.

Please feel free to call me if I can be of any further assistance regarding this matter. My contact numbers are as follows:

Phone: 954-741-8130

Fax: 954-741-8788

Sincerely.

Zulfigar Ali Shah Ph. D.

Director School of Islamic Studies at Broward

4505 NW 103 Ave., Sunrise, FL 33351

10678 Rolph Palm Brd Apt. 78 Coral Springs, FL 954-755-7157

9.24.03 To whom it may concern. This is to state that I have known MR. ADHAM HASSOUS since March 2000 From the beginning, he always showed passion and caring for my family, even when one of my kids were sick he would bring medicine when shelf needed it. Our welfere was always first He also introduced me to my busbard acting on my behalf 19the a big brother to ensure I had a bice wearding my husband had at one time lost his us and montassour immediately come to our aid, helping us with. facolis bills, making sure we had what we needed when we were exicted, he assisted us in Anding. a new home, taking time from his own family as well. He had helped me get a temporary job at his place of employment

marrom, so my husband and I could manage. mr. Hassoun is a very comstice man, aways willing to go out. OF his way to help anyone, musling or not It is a morally sound man; aways ready to stop and help anyone anytime it is very highly respected in the mubling comoranghy. His wife and uniaren were very kind to me as well. He has a young bay and I remember his birth, Mr. Hassour had been so happy! mr. Hassoup has in the years I know him, pever bad a bad word or unkind manner for anyone he met. I hope and pray that be can be realeased soon, to be with his wife and chaldren who even get still look for "Dockay) IF I can help in any



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September 23,2003

To whom it may concern

I have known Mr. Adham Hassoun, who is a second cousin to my mother, for the last thirteen years. I knew him as a lovely, compassionate, peaceful, and helpful for others.

In addition to this, Mr. Hassoun was very dedicated to his family.

I hope Mr. Hassoun be set free, so he can unite with his family
and serve the country he loves to live in.

Best regards

Fadi Hamad

1761 NW 96th Terrace, Unit 3K → Pembroke Pines, Florida → 33024 → 954.885.1381 → rawlin_w@belisouth.net

September 24, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Muslim and a community justice consultant I have personally known Mr. Adaham Hasson for the past seven years. He has been an active person in the community always working for the good of his fellow human being. He and his family have suffered tremendously during his detainment and both his family and the South Florida community will welcome his release. I strongly support his release.

Sincerely,

Wayne E. Rawlins

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Al. Zialeh, know Mr. Adham Hassoun for the past few years, that he is a very outstanding individual and asset in the community. He is very helpful and compassionate in the helping of others solving their problems, regardless of race, ethic group or religion. He is also outstanding husband and father to his wife and kids.

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9-21-03

Abed Elatab 6001 No. Falls Circle Dr. #400 Lauderhill, FL. 33319 September 25,2003

To Whom It May Concern,

Regarding Adham Hassoun. I have known him for twelve years. In those twelve years, I only saw a very kind and good-hearted person. Adham is always there when people need him most. He is also a good provider, a great father and family man.

All of his family and friends miss and love him.

Sincerely,

Abed Elatab

A Cry for Help

Dear

In September1989, Adham Hassoun came to the United States to visit his sister. Adham was impressed by this country and decided to finish his Master's Degree in Computer Science at Nova University. In October 1990, his mother filed an I-130 application for him, sponsoring him for Immigration into this country. The application was approved. October 1996, Adham filed an I-485 application to adjust his status to that of a permanent resident. Since then, Adham has met all of the requirements for him to stay in this country. Adham's mother, sister, and all three children are American citizens and Adham has pursued citizenship status for the majority of the thirteen years that he has lived here.

On June 12th, 2002, Adham was detained and taken to Krome Detention Center in Miami, FL, an Immigration and Naturalization Service detention facility. The stated reason for the detention us "overstaying his student visa". Since his detention, Adham was found to be deportable to Lebanon. At this point, Adham is a stateless person. He was born in Lebanon to Palestinian parents, but is not a Lebanese citizen and is not allowed reentry into that country.

Like many other people throughout the world, Adham has admired the United States for its constitution, government and freedom. During his stay here, that appreciation has become deeper. In addition to his rights and freedom here in America, Adham has been cognizant of his responsibilities and has worked hard to meet them. He has a clean record, has never been arrested and pays his taxes and has faithfully renewed his work permit. In appreciation for the gifts he has received here in this country, Adham has worked to help other people in need. His help ranges from moral support to financial assistance to those in need. His generosity and concern for the welfare of others has made him a well-known and liked member of his community. His family, friends, co-workers and neighbors feel that he has become an important part of society.

In addition to his mother and sister, Adham has three boys, all American citizens by birth. Their ages are two, eight, and ten. The separation of the last eight months has been difficult for the children as well as for Adham. Adham is a man who believes strongly in family values and has worked hard to become a good provider for his family.

The United States has long been a beacon of freedom to the rest of the world. It is important to the world as a whole that America should be protected and that the residents here have a secure place to live. America needs to continue to be the beacon of freedom. That freedom needs to be here as Adhams three children grow up and pass it on as a legacy to their own children.

Adham has given up eight months of his life to help preserve that freedom. He loves the United States and wants to continue his progress towards obtaining citizenship here. We ask that you release Adham so he can be with his family. We ask that Adham be released so that he can once again taste the freedom, which has caused him to make America his home.

His family needs Adham. His community misses him and his coworkers look forward to his return. His adopted country needs Adham. In a time where people who help others seem to be a small percentage of the population, Adhams generosity is sorely missed.

We realize that the judicial system today is overworked and under appreciated. It is our hope that you will find the time to review Adhams case and let him rejoin his family and community.

Sincerely, The Adham Hassoun Family