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President George W. Bush  
Commander in Chief, White House, Washington D.C.



Dear Mr. President,

Saturday June 8, 2002 marks the 35th anniversary of probably the most shameful day in American history. That day America's banner and honor was treacherously trashed by our so-called ally, Israel. Thirty four Americans were brutally slaughtered, 172 wounded, including myself, and America's most sophisticated intelligence ship was so badly damaged it had to be scraped. Israel deliberately attacked America's virtually unarmed USS LIBERTY in international waters, knowing full well our identity, in an assault that lasted as long as the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On that bright, sunny infamous day, the LIBERTY had a large American flag flapping in the wind and 10' high I.D. marking on her hull which were clearly visible during the full six hours (6:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon) that low flying, slow moving, propeller recon's, distinctly marked with Star of Davids reconnoitered our ship. Overheard radio transmission of the pilots confirmed that the Israel had positively identified the LIBERTY as American.

Suddenly at 2:00 p.m., the government of Israel put a knife in the back of America. In a diabolic attempt at deception, the Israelis began the attack with unmarked jet fighters using rockets, canons, and napalm on our unprotected ship. Then three motor torpedo boats arrived on the scene and fired 6 torpedoes at us, one hitting its mark, midship's on the starboard side, instantly blowing to bits 25 of America's finest young men. The torpedo gunmen shot at our firefighters and stretcher bearers, using us as target practice, maiming and murdering as many of America's sons as they could.

The captain ordered us to prepare to abandon ship as the ship was in grave danger of sinking from torpedo hit that left a 40'x40' hole in her. There were only 3 life rafts left that they hadn't already destroyed. We put them over the side to put as many wounded in as possible. The torpedo boats machine gunned the life rafts and sank two of them and took one aboard their boat, no survivors were to be taken! Helicopters were overhead to board our ship with Israeli commandos at the ready to finish us off.

Responding to a S.O.S. from the LIBERTY, the USS SARATOGA launched their jets approximately 15 minutes into the vicious Israeli attack. Within minutes after the launch, incredibly and inexplicably, Washington shamefully and unconscionably recalled the jets, abandoning helpless American sailors under fire, and subjecting them to an additional two hours of barbaric Israeli bombardment and butchery.

Fortuitously when the Israelis picked up an invalid message that U.S. help was on the way, Israel reluctantly was forced to terminate its ongoing assault. Without that break, I would not be alive writing this letter.

Ironically help did not arrive until 18 hours after the attack when it was only 15 minutes away. When an American rescue ship finally arrived, what they found was shocking, the LIBERTY was in shambles, death on the water. There were 821 rocket and canon holes in her hull, thousands of 50 caliber armor piercing, bullets riddling her skin, a tunnel size torpedo cavity in her broad side, and the residue of napalm that had been dropped to burn us up. Blood and body parts were strewn across the deck. A sad, outrageous story, but unfortunately true.

The crew of the most decorated naval ship in American history was ordered to remain silent under threat of court martial, imprisonment or worse, and we all knew what worst meant. The U.S. government has never challenged the obviously phony Israeli excuse of "mistaken identity" nor have they attempted to expose the dishonorable cover up that continues to date. Truth and America's honor were ignominiously sacrificed to provide cover for Israel's transparent lies and despicable act of perfidy.

Israel's premeditated, sneak attack on the USS LIBERTY was a direct attack on America. The disgraceful refusal of unpatriotic American governmental officials of dubious allegiance to defend America and come to the aid of brave Americans under attack can only be characterized as treasonous.

Mr. President, on behalf of the courageous crew of the USS LIBERTY, dead and alive, I respectfully request that you commission a presidential panel to finally investigate the attack and cover-up of the USS LIBERTY, and report the truth to American people.

Thank you, Mr. President. God bless you! God bless America!

ISRAEL SUCCEEDED ON 9-11!

Respectfully,

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Dear Sir or Madam: Re Theft of First Class Mail at Monroe Correctional Complex

My enquiry in regard to the above matter with our Yakima Postmistress resulted in her advice that I contact the local police, as I mentioned in our telephone conversation of 11 OCT 07.

Over several years, I have acquired numerous correspondents who are inmates of U.S. prisons, in addition to my international correspondents. It has long been my understanding that First Class Mail postage includes the return of letters which are undeliverable to the addressee, as occurs internationally and domestically, with notable exceptions at the Monroe Correctional Complex. The recent enclosures refer.

I am not protesting an institution's right to censor mail. On the extremely rare occasion that a state prison has refused delivery to the inmate addressee, I have received my letter, returned with a written notation that the contents were "unsuitable" for receipt by the inmate. This way, I know what matters are deemed "unsuitable" by that institution, or one of its minions. In no case have I ever experienced mail-bans and/or mail-seizures at federal prisons, who apparently abide by The First Amendment of The U.S. Constitution, unlike prisons of states, especially The State of Washington. My letter to Sr. Cedeño refers.

Formerly, Washington State Prisons returned my allegedly 'unsuitable' letters, so I would be able to know what specific content had violated the 'rules' of certain censors, on certain occasions. As I wrote to Messrs. Cedeño and Sinclair, Washington Prisons seem to be in a state of anarchy, since the content of my letters is consistent, but their censorship policies are not.

My request to you is merely that you inform the personnel of The Monroe Correctional Complex Mailroom that they are violating the law in regard to the return of First Class Mail which they deem undeliverable. I am prepared to abide by their rules of censorship, if I know their specific objections, but that is unlikely, when I lack any specific examples in my letters which are not returned to me.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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To Whom it may concern