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Honorable Mme. Marie-Michele Rey
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Haiti

Honorable Paul-Antoine Bien-Aime
Minister of the Interior
Republic of Haiti

Re; The Return of His Excellency Former President of the Republic of Haiti
Jean Bertrand Aristide

Dear Ministers Rey and Bien-Aime:

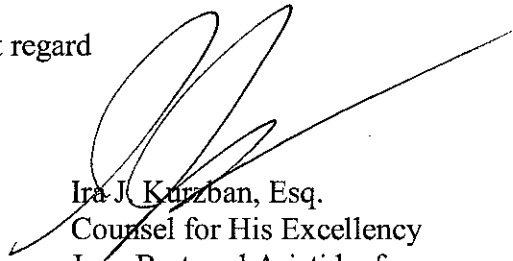
I write as counsel for His Excellency Jean Bertrand Aristide, former President of the Republic of Haiti. It is my understanding that the Council of Ministers has agreed to issue a diplomatic passport to President Aristide befitting his position as a former President of the Republic.

In that regard, and consistent with Haitian law, I kindly request that his diplomatic passport be issued immediately and that plans for his return commence immediately. To expedite this matter, President Aristide's passport may be delivered to the government of South Africa or to me. Issuing the former President's passport, however, is only the first step. In addition, I kindly request that the government of the Republic of Haiti initiate dialogue with the government of the Republic of South Africa to insure President Aristide's immediate return.

Finally, any plan for the former President's return and continued presence in Haiti requires that he be provided security. As you are aware, Haitian law provides that all former Presidents of the Republic are to be provided security. In keeping with the laws of Haiti, I kindly request that you put in place a security plan for former President Aristide's return to Haiti and that such plan be executed immediately to insure both his return and his security in Haiti.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I may be reached day or night, at any time, through my e-mail at ira@kkwtlaw.com or Kurzban@aol.com.

Please accept the assurances of my highest regard

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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President Republic of Haiti