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The Honorable George BUSH  
Governor of the State of Texas  
State Capitol  
P.O Box 12428  
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Dear Governor Bush,

As Representative of France, a member of the troika of the European Union, in Texas and on behalf of Portugal, the current President of the European Union, I would like to renew the urgent humanitarian appeal made by the EU on behalf of Mr. Gary Graham.

Permit me to draw your attention to the fact that Mr. Graham was only 17 years old at the time of the crime for which he was convicted. Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) - to which the United States is a party - expressly forbids the execution of people whose crime was committed when they were under 18 years of age. The EU considers that this would be contrary to generally accepted human rights norms.

As you know, several reports stress that Mr. Graham might be innocent. The European Union appeals to your sense of justice and moral responsibility to prevent a fatal error from being made. Our democracies have always taken pride in promoting compassionate justice and committing themselves to defend the value of human life.

Sincerely,

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Consul General

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