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## Statement of Facts

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**To Whom It May Concern:**

Mr. Shane Bauer



Our records indicate that Mr. Bauer was detained by Iranian authorities on July 31, 2009 after he strayed across an unmarked border separating Iran from Iraq's northern Kurdistan region. After being detained in Evin prison in Tehran for more than two years, Mr. Bauer was charged on August 21, 2011 with espionage and illegal entry and given an eight year sentence. On September 21, 2011, one month after his sentence, Mr. Bauer was released and allowed to return to the United States.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine T. Graham".

*Catherine T. Graham*

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