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Dear Mr. Champ:

Thank you for your letter of February 24, 2010, concerning your client, Mr. Maher Arar.

Pursuant to your request, the Government of Canada confirms that it does not have reason to believe that Mr. Arar's civil suit in the United States would risk harming diplomatic relations between Canada and the United States.

Furthermore, the Government of Canada confirms that it has not at any time opposed Mr. Arar's entry to Canada.

I hope this information is of help to you in response to the concerns addressed in your letter.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, P.C., M.P.

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