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President George W. Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. President:

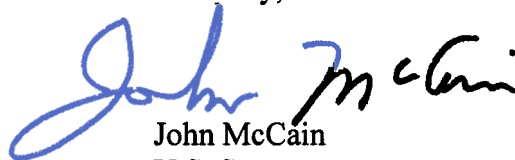
I am writing to ask that you consider directing the U.S. Government to conduct an investigation into the murder of Mr. Paul Klebnikov.

Mr. Klebnikov, an American citizen, was shot and killed in Moscow on July 9, 2004. An investigative journalist and bureau chief of *Forbes* magazine, he reportedly possessed information regarding government embezzlement. Following his murder, Russian law enforcement authorities identified two individuals allegedly responsible for the shooting. These men were acquitted at jury trial, after what Mr. Klebnikov's family believes was inappropriate interference. His murderers, along with any individuals who may have ordered the killing remain at large.

I am aware that members of the Klebnikov family have met with members of your Administration and have provided details about the case. I hope that you will consider directing the U.S. Government to launch its own investigation, using all appropriate government resources in order to bring this case to conclusion. Our government has, in the past, conducted similar investigations of incidents involving the death or injury of Americans abroad, and I believe that Mr. Klebnikov's murder warrants at least the same degree of attention.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



John McCain  
U.S. Senator

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