**Formal Condolence Letter**

From:

Mr. Samuel Gates

Washington DC

Secretary of State

Office of Defense

Pentagon

Phone: 15120948136

30th January, 2010

Dear Mrs Johnson,

It is my onerous duty to intimate the sad news of the death of your son, Captain Mark Johnson of the US Marine Corps on 28th January, 2010 at Bagdam in Afghanistan in a gun battle with the Taleban insurgents.

On behalf of the President of the United States, I would like to convey my deepest words of sympathy to you and hope and pray that God Almighty will give you the strength to bear this great personal loss.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel Gates

To:

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