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Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of 22nd June, 1981, I would like to draw your kind attention to the following points:

Baha'ism is in fact not a religion but an ideology created by colonial powers to help the past illegitimate government of Iran in their oppressions of the brave people of Iran and to invalidate Islam as a divine religion and revolutionary ideology.

Before the revolution especially at the time of the Shah, Baha'is have cooperated with his government to oppress people and to plunder our country's wealth. The majority of people who had occupied high positions during the Shah's power, such as his Prime Minister Hovida and many high rank military officers were Baha'is.

Notwithstanding the above-mentioned facts, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has never oppressed them, although their beliefs have not and will never be considered as a recognized religion by Iranian authorities and therefore, unlike Christians, Jews etc. they do not have priorities such as the right to elect representatives for the Parliament.

If some people who have been executed have happened to be Baha'is, or, if some properties confiscated by the Islamic Courts have happened to be Baha'is' belongings, this does not mean that the Islamic Government is oppressing them. Considering the fact that most criminals who were executed by the orders of the Islamic Courts have been so-called Muslims, I am sure this does not mean that the Iranian authorities are oppressing true Muslims or non-Muslims if they have not been criminals.

I hope this summary would help you to appreciate the justice being implemented by the Islamic Republic of Iran based on the Qur'anic principles against injustice.

Yours faithfully,

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