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Mr. Shukri Baker, President  
Holy Land Foundation for Relief  
and Development  
525 International Parkway, Suite 509  
Richardson, TX 75081-2863

Dear Mr. Baker:

This is to advise the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development ("HLF") that the United States Agency for International Development ("USAID") proposes to terminate HLF's registration as a private and voluntary organization with USAID and proposes to remove HLF's listing from USAID's registry of private and voluntary organizations.

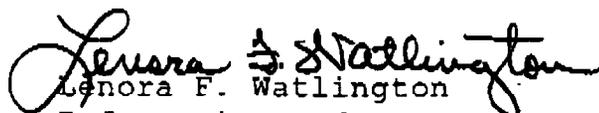
These actions are authorized where a registrant fails to fulfill and maintain the conditions of registration. One condition of USAID's registration procedures is that an organization is not the subject of a decision by the Department of State to the effect that registration, or a financial relationship between USAID and the organization, is contrary to the national defense, national security, or foreign policy interests of the United States.

By letter dated August 30, 2000, the Department of State informed USAID that it has determined that continuation of HLF's registration with USAID is contrary to the national defense and foreign policy interests of the United States. A copy of that letter is attached. Based upon the Department of State's determination, USAID proposes to terminate HLF's registration and remove HLF's listing from USAID's registry of private and voluntary organizations.

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HLF may, within 30 days after receipt of this letter, file a written statement with USAID as to why its registration should not be terminated.

Sincerely,



Lenora F. Watlington  
Information and Program Support  
Private and Voluntary Cooperation  
Bureau for Humanitarian Response

Attachment: Department of State letter

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

August 30, 2000 10:31 AM '00

  
Dear Mr. Anderson:

It has come to my attention that the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) currently has registered the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development, headquartered in Richardson, Texas, as a Private Voluntary Organization, and listed them in the PVO registry on its home page.

I believe you are aware that the Department of State has had some concerns about this organization. The Department has now determined that continuation of this relationship is contrary to the national defense and foreign policy interests of the United States. Accordingly, I request that USAID take all necessary steps to terminate this relationship immediately. In addition, please be advised that any financial relationship between USAID and the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development would likewise be contrary to the national defense and foreign policy interests of the United States. Therefore no such relationship should be entered into or continued.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas R. Pickering

The Honorable  
J. Brady Anderson,  
Administrator,  
Agency for International Development.