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Dear Madam Fekter:

New information revealed by the Green Party Security Spokesman Mr. Peter Pilz identified Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, now president of Iran, as one of the members of a death squad who murdered the top Kurdish leader Dr. Abdul Rahman Ghassemlou (the secretary general of the Kurdistan Democratic Party-Iran), his deputy Abdullah Ghaderi-Azar and a companion Dr. Fadel Rasoul on July 13, 1989 in Vienna.

The Kurdish leaders were engaged in negotiation to discuss a peaceful solution to the Kurdish issue in Iran at the time of their murders. Contrary to the Kurdish intention to find a peaceful solution and promote democracy in Iran, the Iranian delegation used this negotiation as an opportunity to murder three men who were acting in good faith, and to liquidate any chance for peace in Iran.

Despite the overwhelming evidence available at the time of the murders, under the pressure of the Iranian government, Austrian authorities let the murderers go free. We hope this time, with the new information that points to Ahmadinejad as one of the murderers, the Austrian government will do its due diligence to make sure that justice is served.

If every time a death squad from a so-called 'friendly country' murders a political leader in Austria – a political leader who is struggling for peace and justice for his people -- and the crime goes unpunished, it diminishes the moral standing of the Austrian government. This is even more true if the cover up is based on economic and special interests.

We implore you to use the Austrian legal system and diplomatic means to redress this crime against the oppressed Kurdish people in Iran who have suffered so much for centuries under successive Iranian regimes including the current Islamic Republic.

Sincerely yours,  
Kirmanj Gundi,  
President