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willing to work with the international community. His latest "concession" is an obvious ploy to prolong the inspections process as long as possible.

I hope that freedom, democracy, peace, and stability can somehow come to the people of Iraq. This has not happened simply because Saddam Hussein puts his own personal ambitions over the needs of his people to remain a dictator. In the process he is threatening not only the entire Middle East, but the entire world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesse Helms". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

JESSE HELMS:dc