



EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
RABAT, MOROCCO

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THE AMBASSADOR

To all interested parties,

I will soon complete my tour of duty as United States ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco. My three and one-half years in this wonderful country will be remembered by me with much joy and satisfaction. Morocco is a guidepost for other countries in this part of the world, and it has been an honor for me to serve.

Because I do not speak Arabic and only limited French, I am compelled to often utilize the services of interpreters. I have had more interpreters than I can count. Some were good; many were terrible. Some were mechanically acceptable but simply did not have the tonal inflection to properly reflect what I was saying. Without the slightest of doubt, I can say that the finest interpreter that I have used in Morocco is Abdellah Regragui and I utilize his services wherever possible.

Mr. Regragui is obviously technically perfect. (That has been confirmed for me many times by accompanying colleagues who are fluent in the languages being spoken). He is perfectly comfortable interpreting from English, French and Arabic depending on my preference at the moment, he will do simultaneous or "follow on" interpretation and never falters moving from one language to another. Perhaps best of all, he captures my style and mood and is able to communicate not only the words but the overall intended message. In short, he is, in all respects, masterful in his work.

I am not alone in my opinion of Mr. Regragui. He is the interpreter used most frequently in international conferences held in Morocco. His voice is highly recognizable and provides a strong level of confidence among the listeners present.

Mr. Regragui has provided splendid service to me, and I enthusiastically recommend his services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Samuel L. Kaplan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Samuel" and last name "Kaplan" clearly legible. The middle initial "L." is smaller and less distinct.

Samuel L. Kaplan