

My dearest Sheikha Hussah,

I have no words to express the great sorrow I feel. Since yesterday I have been receiving calls from many of Sheikh Nasser's and your friends and admirers in the US and Europe asking me how and when they might write to you. His bigness of heart, and his generous and joyful soul, indeed created - essentially through you - a huge extended Al Sabah 'family' around the world. If we who knew him just a little feel this immensity of grief, I can only imagine your own sense of loss and pain.

It is an impulsive thought of course but I wish so much I could just get on a plane and come to Kuwait now. I know you have your wonderful children and so many others around you, but it would have meant a lot to me to be there: to pay my last respects to a very great man, and to just be there with you and for you. Perhaps this may be possible in a few weeks....For now, all I can do - and it feels so very inadequate - is send you my deepest sympathy and, of course,

much love

Mahrukh