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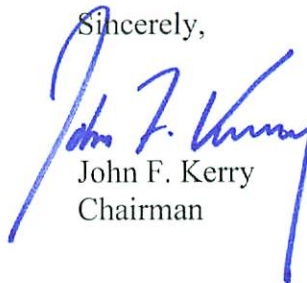
Dear Secretary Clinton:

I read with interest about your weekend visit to Egypt. I hope you had productive meetings in Cairo and I look forward to cooperating with you on Egypt in the future.

I write to you about two American citizens who were kidnapped in Egypt shortly before your arrival. As you know, Reverend Michel Louis, pastor of the Free Pentecostal Church of God in Dorchester, Massachusetts and, Lisa Alphonse of Everett, Massachusetts were captured on Friday, July 13th while traveling in the Sinai Peninsula. The two were traveling with other tourists on their way to Mount Sinai when their bus was stopped and they, along with their tour guide, were kidnapped.

The targeting of innocent tourists traveling to an important religious site is a despicable and outrageous act. I urge you to work with Egyptian authorities to secure the immediate release of those kidnapped, and I am eager to cooperate in any way that I can. I spoke with Ambassador Anne Patterson about the case this morning and can report that she and her staff are fully seized with this case.

Sincerely,



John F. Kerry
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