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September 26, 2011  
Ambassador Stephen Rapp  
Ambassador-At-Large, Office of War Crimes Issues  
Department of State  
United States Government

Re: Delivery of Petition Signed by about 13,000 American Citizens to End Crimes against Humanity in Burma;

Dear Ambassador,

First, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the United States' government's support of the establishment of a United Nations Commission of Inquiry to investigate war crimes and crimes against humanity in Burma.

As you are aware, since the Burmese regime has transformed itself into a so-called civilian government with the 2008 Constitution and through the 2010 elections, armed conflict between the Burmese military and ethnic resistance groups have intensified and broadened in Shan, Karen, Karenni, and Kachin States in Eastern and Northern Burma. As the Burmese military's offensives against ethnic troops have gone along with atrocities against innocent civilians in the war zones, Burmese soldiers are destroying ethnic villages; raping women and girls; forcing people into slave labor, leaving them no choice but to flee their homeland. As there is no chance the domestic legal system will protect the abused or prosecute the perpetrators, the calls by the people of Burma to the international community to help them to be free from atrocities have grown much louder. I believe that people around the world vividly hear their cries.

Over the last few months, our members worked together with U2 Band led by Bono and organized their fans to sign onto this petition, calling for the United States government to take leadership in organizing other nations to support a UN Commission of Inquiry in Burma, during U2 concerts in several cities in the United States this summer.

Today, September 26, 2011, is the Fourth Anniversary of the Saffron Revolution, in which hundreds of Buddhist monks and lay people were killed and thousands more were arrested by the Burmese military regime, while hundreds of thousands of Monks and lay people peacefully marched in the street, reciting Metta Sutra (The Lord Buddha's teaching of loving, kindness) and calling for the regime to

release all political prisoners, end military campaign against ethnic minorities, and start meaningful political dialogue with democracy forces and ethnic representatives.

To commemorate this solemn occasion and to echo the voices of the helpless people in Burma, I would like to submit the original signatures of about 13,000 American citizens, appealing their government to redouble its effort to realize the establishment of an UN Commission of Inquiry on Burma.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosed: Signatures of American citizens on over 400 pages of petition sheets

Copies of the letter without petition signatures sent to:

Mr. Kurt Campbell, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asia and the Pacific, Department of State

Ambassador Derek Mitchell, U.S. Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Burma, Department of State

Mr. Joseph Yun, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asia and the Pacific, Department of State

Mr. Michael Posner, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State

Mr. Dan Baer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State

Ms. Susan Nossel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of International Organizations, Department of State

Mr. Daniel Russel, Senior Director for Asia, National Security Council

Ms. Samantha Power, Senior Director for Multilateral Affairs, National Security Council

Ms. Colin Willett, Director for Southeast Asia, National Security Council

Mr. Stephen Pomper, Director for War Crimes and Atrocities, National Security Council

Ambassador Susan Rice, United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York

Ambassador David Dunn, United States Alternative Representative for Special Political Affairs, United States Mission to the United Nations in New York

Ambassadors Eileen Donahoe, United States Permanent Representatives to the United Nations in Geneva

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