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The Honorable Timothy Geithner
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The Honorable Hillary Clinton
Secretary of State
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Dear Secretary Geithner and Secretary Clinton,

Despite the broad underlying rationale for increased bilateral and multilateral support for Egypt, we write to ask that you oppose such funding for Egypt from the World Bank and other multilateral development institutions unless kidnapped American children Noor and Ramsay Bower are returned to their father in the United States. We also urge you to link additional U.S. bilateral support for Egypt to the safe return to the United States of these two children who were abducted and taken to Egypt, where they have been kept hidden for almost two years now.

The boys were kidnapped by their non-legal custodian mother who had been denied legal custody by a Massachusetts court, in large part because of her prolonged abuse and addiction to various narcotics, an assessment of her inability to provide structure and appropriate care for young children, and indications of a profound maladaptive character.

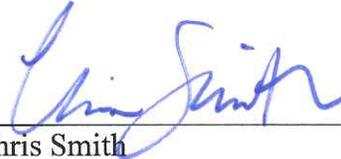
The attached memorandum describes the abduction and abuse of these young American boys at the hands of their Egyptian mother, and other crimes aided and abetted by the Egyptian authorities over the past 21 months. The actions in this case have violated both US and Egyptian laws, including the issuance of Egyptian passports for the boys to their mother using false names, which is an extraditable offense and is in violation of the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) that exists between Egypt and the United States. In addition, Egyptian State Security Forces had forcibly withheld these two American children from their father since the August 2009 abduction.

Given the gravity of the situation, we strongly believe that U.S. support for any funds to Egypt in advance of the return home of Noor and Ramsay Bower would be in violation of human rights, this father's rights, and also the rights of his children.

We thank you for your attention to this matter.



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cc: His Excellency Sameh Shoukry
Egyptian Ambassador to the United States

cc: The Honorable Margaret Scobey
United States Ambassador to Egypt

MEMORANDUM

Colin Bower has been trying unsuccessfully since August 11, 2009, to secure the return of his children Noor and Ramsay to the United States, where Noor and Ramsay maintained their habitual residence from 2005 until their mother, Mirvat el Nady, wrongfully removed them to Egypt. Noor William Noble Bower, age 10, and Ramsay Maclean Bower, age 8, are lawful citizens of the United States of America.

On December 1, 2008, prior to the abduction of Noor and Ramsay, the Probate and Family Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts awarded sole legal custody of Noor and Ramsay to Colin Bower, and joint physical custody with Mirvat el Nady, which ruling stipulated Mirvat el Nady was not to remove Noor and Ramsay from the Commonwealth. This custody ruling was informed by independent psychological and physical evaluations which outlined Mirvat el Nady's prolonged abuse and addiction to Schedule II narcotics including oxycodone, hydromorphone, and methadone, and which indicated a profound maladaptive character. Furthermore, it was the conclusion of the guardian ad litem and two evaluators appointed to conduct Mirvat el Nady's psychological assessment that these factors indicated an inability to provide structure and consistent oversight for young children, to consider her children's needs ahead of her own, to make reasoned judgments or observations, and to respond to others in a reasonable fashion. It was the recommendation of the lead court evaluator that Mirvat el Nady enter into a period of observation in a secure psychiatric inpatient facility, followed by an extensive addiction and mental health treatment program, and that the Court undertake oversight of her compliance with that program.

On August 11, 2009, Noor and Ramsay Bower were abducted to Egypt by Mirvat el Nady and granted entry to Egypt without prior issuance of United States visas. This was done by Mirvat el Nady unlawfully securing Egyptian passports for Noor and Ramsay Bower under the fraudulent names of 'Noor Power' and 'Ramsay Power'. Mirvat el Nady entered Egypt on August 11, 2009, using a British passport which falsely indicated her name as 'Mirvat Nady'. EgyptAir, a company owned by the Egyptian State, accepted a cash payment of \$10,000 from Mirvat el Nady for tickets for herself, Noor and Ramsay despite the fact that the children's surnames on their fraudulent passports did not match the surname of the accompanying adult, Mirvat el Nady.

In August of 2009, following this violation of the Probate Court's ruling, the Massachusetts Trial Court granted sole physical custody of Noor and Ramsay to their father, Colin Bower. In August 2009, local and Federal warrants were issued for the arrest of Mirvat el Nady on charges of kidnapping and in April of 2010, a red notice was issued by Interpol for the same purpose internationally.

Prior to the abduction in March of 2008, Mirvat el Nady fraudulently and without Colin Bower's knowledge filed for physical custody of Noor and Ramsay through the Egyptian court system by falsely claiming the children and Colin Bower were Egyptian residents. This custody order obtained by deceit was granted in December 2009. In November 2010, Colin Bower

successfully appealed the custody ruling through the Egyptian court system, and the order giving Mirvat el Nady custody over Noor and Ramsay was thereby revoked.

Despite visitation rights being granted to Colin Bower by the Egyptian Court allowing him to see Noor and Ramsay twice per month during the period of the custody dispute, Mirvat el Nady had denied him 13 of 16 court ordered visits with his sons, and during the three visits that occurred, the children were surrounded by Egyptian security forces at all times and the several members of the Nady family and Colin Bower was physically intimidated;

The State Security Forces of Egypt has concealed and protected Mirvat el Nady from prosecution and despite repeated appeals to Egyptian political and security officials by members of the United States Department of State, the revocation of Mirvat el Nady's custody in Egypt, and the subsequent lack of custody determination for the children existing in Egypt, no action has been taken by the Egyptian government to facilitate the return of Noor and Ramsay to their father who continues to be the only legal custodian of the children. The Egyptian government has failed to recognize the valid custody order of the court of competent jurisdiction, the Probate and Family Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and has allowed Mirvat el Nady to continue the unlawful retention of American citizen children, Noor and Ramsay Bower.