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Assistant Secretary Elizabeth Tanposi  
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Dear Ms. Assistant Secretary:

I am writing on behalf of James B. Fowler of Black, Alabama, who was arrested in Thailand for possession of heroin and attempt to transport it to the United States.

Mr. Fowler maintains that he is innocent of the charges for which he has served twelve months in prison. He also alleges that his arrest in Thailand may be connected to testimony he offered in a previous trial. I have enclosed two letters from Mr. Fowler, one of which offers the details of his allegations. The second letter outlines some of the conditions to which Mr. Fowler is subjected in the Thai prison where he is being held.

There are several requests I would like to make on behalf of Mr. Fowler within existing statutes and regulations. First, I would like to know the status of his case and the action taken by the U.S. Department of State on his behalf. Second, please look into Mr. Fowler's charges that his arrest was the product of a vendetta by a well connected former member of the U.S. Army and advise me of its validity. Third, please take reasonable steps to see that Mr. Fowler's rights are protected and that he is not imprisoned for a prolonged period of time without a conviction. Fourth, please investigate Mr. Fowler's characterization of the conditions in which he is imprisoned.

I look forward to your response and I thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

John McCain  
United States Senator

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cc: Ambassador Daniel A. O'Donohue