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Dr. U Ne Oo, Secretary
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Dear Dr. Oo:

Thank you for your letter to Ambassador Bolton expressing your concerns about the deteriorating human rights situation in Burma.

The United States has long been concerned about the situation in Burma and has been actively engaged in a range of bilateral and multilateral efforts, including through the UN, to maximize the international pressure on the military junta to reform. Notwithstanding these efforts, the military junta has continued to resist political change.

The U.S. has imposed a broad range of bilateral sanctions, and has raised Burma previously in the Security Council. We have been seeking support from other member states for a briefing to the Council by a senior representative of the Secretary-General, and we are continuing to consult with other member states on possible Security Council discussions. At this time, our embassies in key Security Council and Asian capitals are approaching high-level government officials to secure support for our efforts to bring Burma more formally before the Council.

Last week, in the Third Committee of the General Assembly, the U.S. brought up the deteriorating human rights record of the Rangoon regime and said that if the situation was left unaddressed this repression could have implications for regional stability.

We appreciate hearing from you and wish to assure you that the U.S. supports Aung San Suu Kyi, the National League for Democracy, and all those who promote freedom, democracy and respect for human rights for all of the people of Burma.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia Kuffler".

Patricia Kuffler
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