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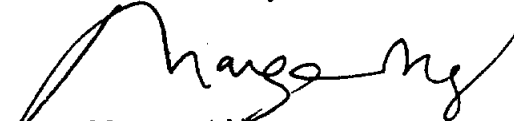
Dear Secretary

I refer to this morning's disturbing reports in the *South China Morning Post* ('Mugabe guards will not face court') and the *Hong Kong Economic Journal* (律政司不起訴津總統女兒兩保鏢) on the Department of Justice's decision not to prosecute the guards of Bona Mugabe in relation to the assault of two journalists. The case of Ms. Mugabe's immunity had already aroused great public concern. The Department's decision not to prosecute the bodyguards will undoubtedly increase the concern unless it is clearly justified. From the reports, this is far from the case.

On the basis of the reports, the guards' assault outside Ms. Mugabe's home was unjustified. The complainants were identified as journalists seeking to photograph Ms. Mugabe. Any threat posed to her safety would seem remote. Ms. Mugabe was not even at the scene. Yet they were grabbed and bruised. The mere fact that they may have been trespassers does not entitle the guards to attack them in the way reported.

I should be grateful for your confirmation if these reports were in any way inaccurate or misleading. If they are accurate, I would request that the Department explain why the decision not to prosecute is justified. The rule of law in Hong Kong requires that the law be equally applied. This case calls into question that commitment as demanded by the people of Hong Kong and as mandated by domestic and international law.

Yours sincerely



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