

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 27, 2005

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono
Istana Merdeka
Jakarta 10110
Indonesia

Dear President Yudhoyono,

We have watched with admiration as Indonesia held three successful national elections last year and then carried out unprecedented local elections in 2005. As Indonesia's first directly-elected president, you have a strong mandate to act on behalf of the Indonesian people.

As members of the United States Congress who are concerned about human rights around the world, we are concerned about the murder and subsequent investigation of the renowned Indonesian human rights lawyer, Munir Said Thalib. We were pleased when you created a fact-finding team last December to investigate the murder of Munir, and your spokesman stated, "The President will do whatever it takes to solve this case." Now, soon after the anniversary of Munir's death, your action is needed.

Presidential Decree No. 111 of 2004 states that "It is the government that will subsequently announce the results of the team's investigation to the public." As a first step, we urge you to release the report of the fact-finding team.

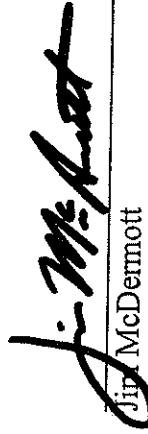
We are following the ongoing trial of Garuda employee, Pollycarpus Budihari Priyanto with interest and concern. We are surprised and troubled that the police and prosecution seem to have ignored the findings of the fact-finding team.

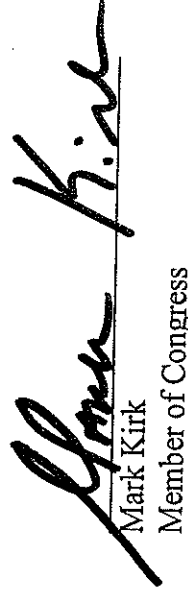
We urge the Indonesian government to consider acting on the fact-finding team's recommendations. For example, we understand the reports suggests that the government should create a new commission with a strong mandate to explore the evidence wherever it may lead, including enforcement of full cooperation of all state agencies, including the State Intelligence Agency (BIN).

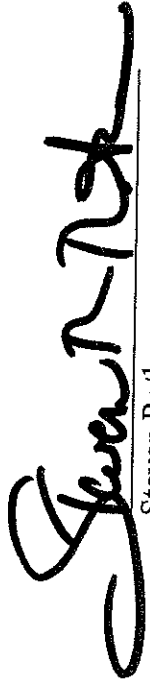
Munir devoted his life to finding the truth, and in the end he gave his life for that cause. Now his own death is the subject of an unprecedented fact-finding report. We strongly urge your government to fulfill Indonesia's promise as an open and democratic society by publicly releasing the report and acting on its recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


Jim McDermott
Member of Congress

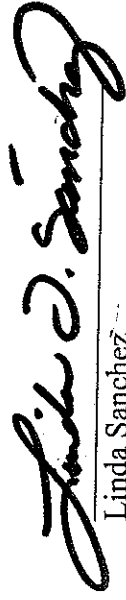

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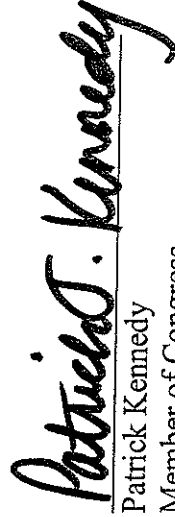
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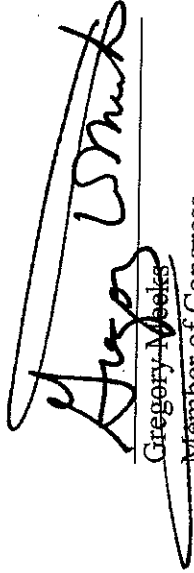
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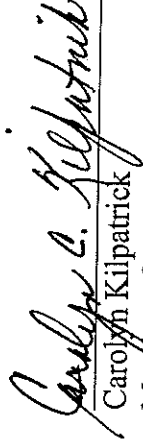
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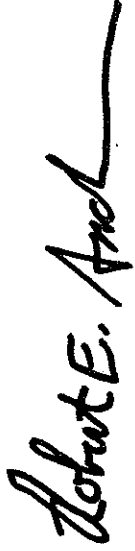
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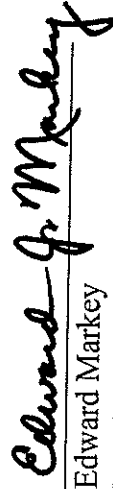
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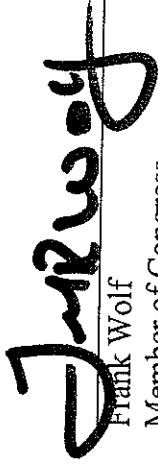
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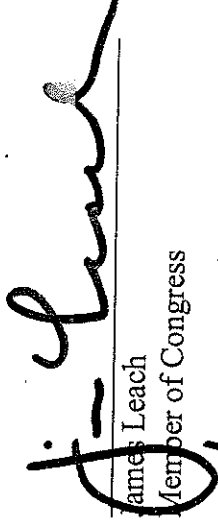
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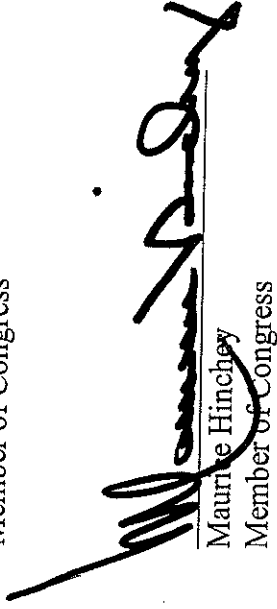
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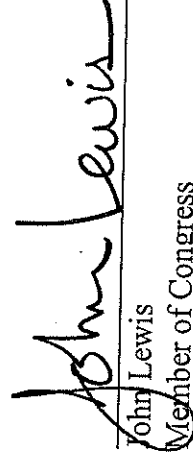
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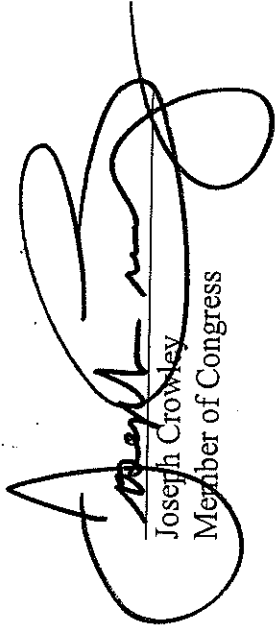
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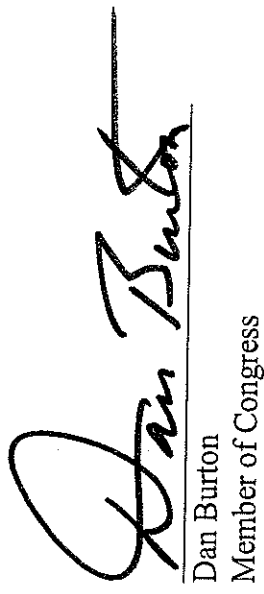
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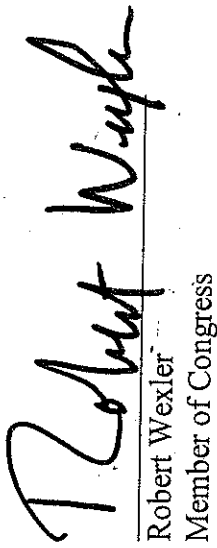
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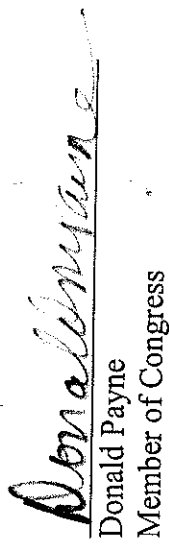
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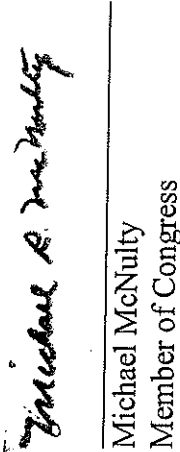
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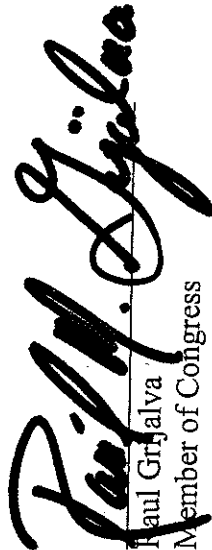
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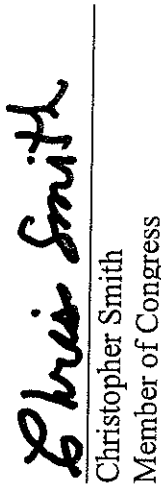
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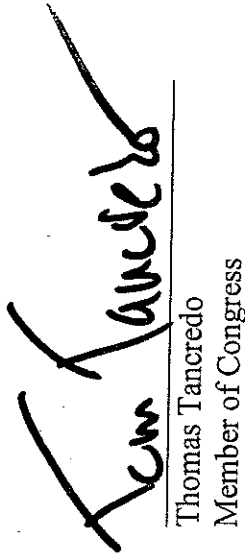
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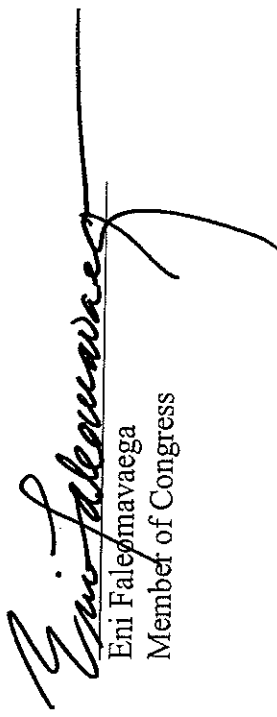
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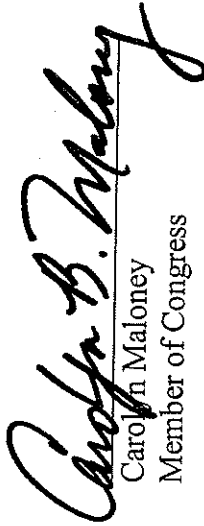
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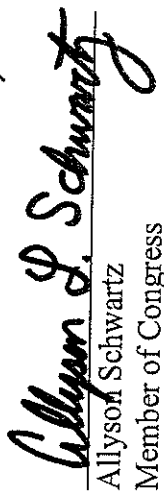
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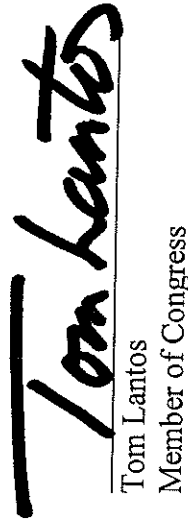
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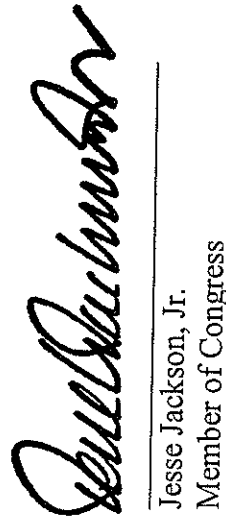
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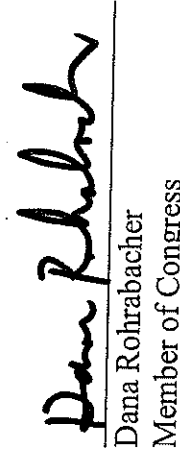
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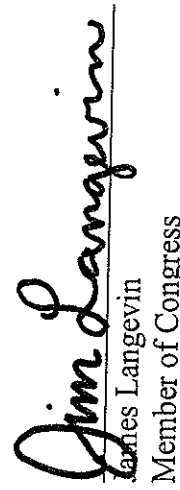
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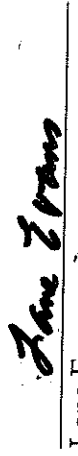


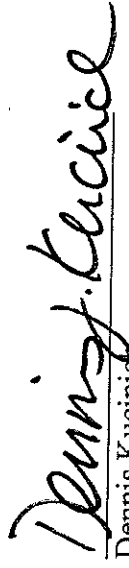
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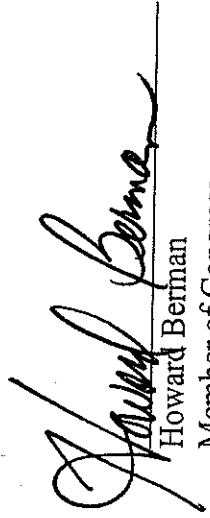
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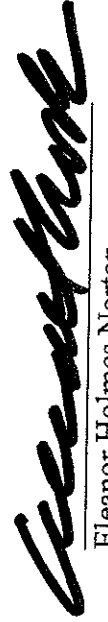

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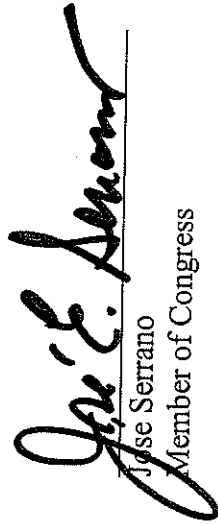

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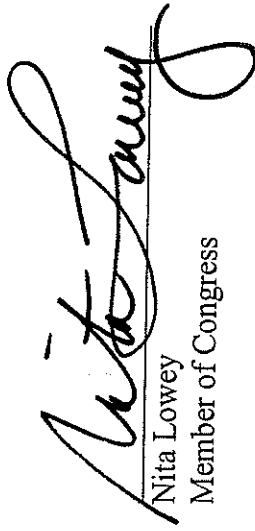

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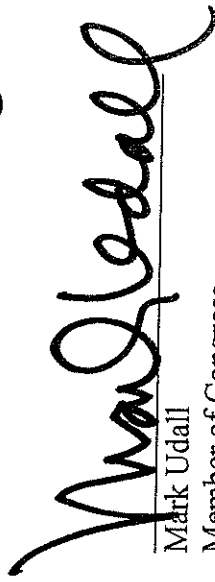

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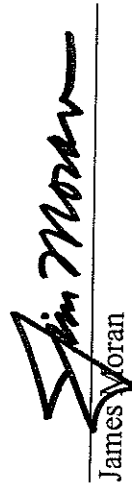

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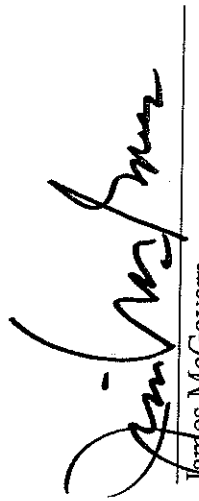

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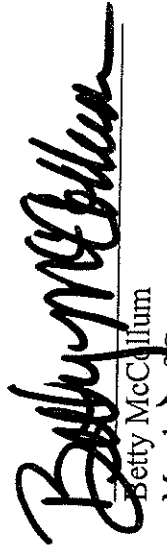

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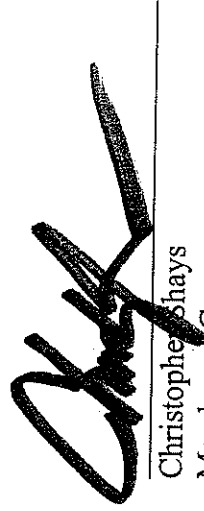

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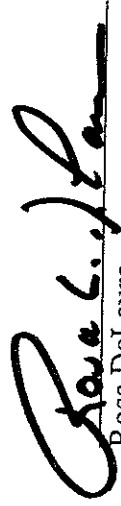

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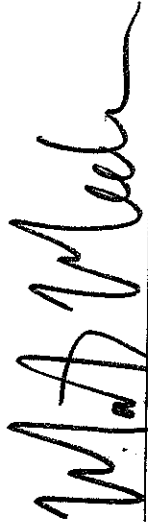

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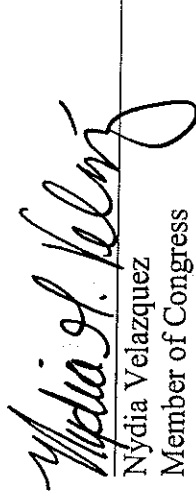
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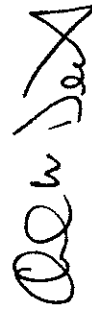
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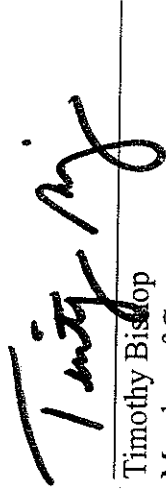
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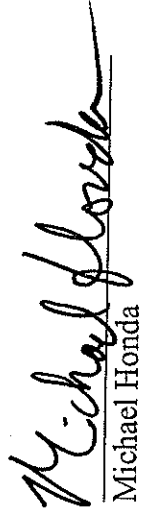
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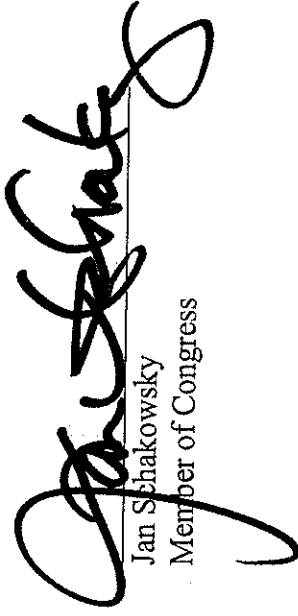
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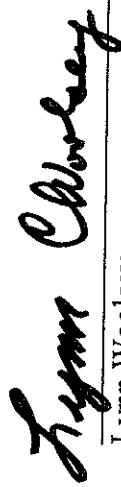
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Cc: Ms. Hina Jilani, UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Human Rights Defenders