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January 9, 1998

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk
City of Cambridge
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
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Dear Ms. Drury:

Thank you for contacting my office on behalf of Lori Berenson. I appreciate the City's efforts in pursuing this issue.

Please inform the City Council that I have been following this case since it began on January 11, 1996. Lori Berenson was sentenced to life imprisonment by a secret Peruvian military tribunal, in clear violation of Article 14 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which Peru ratified in 1978.

On August 5, 1996, I signed onto a letter with 107 of my colleagues to Peruvian President Fujimori, asking that he take the necessary steps to ensure that Lori Berenson be retried before a civilian court. Unfortunately, we have never heard a response. In pursuing this issue in 1997, I once again signed onto a letter with 164 of my colleagues to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, asking that she do everything within her power to impress upon the Peruvian government the importance of providing Lori Berenson with a fair trial.

Thank you for contacting me on this important matter. If I can be of further assistance on this or any other issue, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Markey

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Communication was received from Representative
Edward J. Markey, transmitting thanks for
contacting his office on behalf of Lori
Berenson.

In City Council January 26, 1998
All items carried forward to be a part
of City Council Meeting of
February 2, 1998 on motion of
Councillor Sullivan.

In City Council February 2, 1998

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