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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 05, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DON NICKLES

SUBJECT: CONCERNS REGARDING EGYPT 'S PERSECUTION
OF CHRISTIANS

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RE: SAME SUBJECT

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July 11, 1991

Dear Don:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President expressing your concern about the situation faced by Christians in Egypt.

We appreciate being advised that Mustafa Mohammed Said al-Sharqawi, Mohammed Hussein Mohammed Ibrahim Sallam, Hassan Mohammad Isma'il Mohammad, and Ahmed Mostafa Hamouda are being held without trial. In an effort to be of assistance, I have shared your letter with the President's foreign policy advisors for their review.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick D. McClure
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Don Nickles
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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J. McClure
United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 28, 1991

The Honorable George Bush
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you regarding an important situation involving Egypt's persecution of Christians which has been brought to my attention, and it is one which, I think, merits your personal involvement.

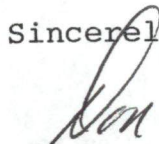
Enclosed is a letter I sent earlier this year to President Mubarak on behalf of four men who were arrested last year by State Security Police. The following men are currently in prison in Egypt: Mustafa Mohammed Said al-Sharqawi, Mohammed Hussein Mohammed Ibrahim Sallam, Hassan Mohammad Isma'il Mohammad, and Ahmed Mostafa Hamouda. During their imprisonment, the men have endured consistent brutal torture and have been forced to renunciate their Christian faith and indicate their return to the Islamic faith.

This is in direct contradiction to the Egyptian Constitution which permits the free exercise of religion and conversion from one religion to another, in addition, Egypt is a signatory of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

In light of this egregious case, I would like you to raise this issue with President Mubarak of Egypt since as to date no response has been made to my letter to him. Your consideration of this request would be greatly appreciated, and thank you for your time and attention.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



DON NICKLES
U.S. Senator

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Enclosure

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3602

February 8, 1991

His Excellency Mohammed Hosni Mubarak
President
Arab Republic of Egypt
C/O Embassy of Egypt
2310 Decatur Place N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. President,

I am requesting your intervention on behalf of four Egyptian men who have been imprisoned for their conversion to Christianity.

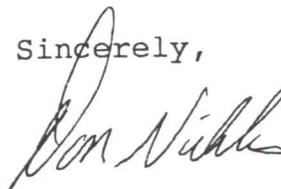
Mustafa Mohammad Said al-Shargawi, Mohammad Hussein Mohammad Ibrahim Sallam, Hassan Mohammad Isma'il Mohammad, and Ahmed Mostafa Hamouda are reportedly being held in the Abu Za'bal Industrial Prison in East Cairo.

During the initial two weeks of imprisonment under the Emergency Act of 1978 which prevents visitation by legal counsel for a period of a month, Mr. Sallam and Mr. al-Shargawi are known to have been beaten. After several months of imprisonment, on November 25, 1990, the two men were tried in the State Security Tribunal where they were found innocent of all charges. On December 9, 1990, the Minister of the Interior rescinded the ruling of the court preventing their release. A second hearing was held one week later on December 16, and once again the three men were declared innocent by the Egyptian court judge.

These young men have only exercised their religious rights as Egyptian citizens to freedom of religion which is guaranteed to them by virtue of Egypt being a signatory of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

I am asking that you intervene on behalf of these four men to grant them their freedom. Thank you for looking into this for me and I look forward to hearing of the outcome on this matter.

Sincerely,



DON NICKLES
U.S. Senator