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TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN GENEVA

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Ms. Mireille Fanon Mendes-France
Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group of Experts
on People of African Descent
Geneva, Switzerland

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Ms. Rita Izsák
Special Rapporteur on minority issues
Geneva, Switzerland

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Mr. Mutuma Ruteere
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism,
racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
Geneva, Switzerland

Mr. Christof Heyns
Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions
Geneva, Switzerland

Mr. Juan E. Méndez
Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman
or degrading treatment or punishment
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Ms. Fanon Mendes-France, Ms. Izsák, Mr. Ruteere, Mr. Heyns, and Mr. Méndez:

Thank you for your letter dated April 10, 2015, expressing concern about the torture of African Americans and other minorities at Area 2 and 3 Police Headquarters in the City of Chicago from 1972 through 1991. The United States takes very seriously matters such as these and would like to assure you that we will endeavor to deliver a response to your inquiry as soon as possible.

Because your inquiry concerns abuses that occurred in jurisdictions that are not primarily within the purview of the federal government, as well as remedial actions taken by the United States Attorney's Office, the Attorney General's Office of the State of Illinois, Cook County State's Attorney's Office, and the City of Chicago, among others, we note that our process of engaging the appropriate federal, state, and local officials will require additional time.

As you requested, we have forwarded your letter to the relevant local authorities and encouraged them to provide information we can use to respond to your inquiry. Please be

assured that we will promptly pass any information that we obtain to you through the United States Mission to the United Nations in Geneva.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. M. Harper", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Keith M. Harper
Ambassador
U.S. Representative to the United Nations
Human Rights Council