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Mr. Ron Abney
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Dear Mr. Abney:

Your February 5th letter to Director Freeh was referred to me for reply.

As you may be aware, the FBI has devoted significant resources in an effort to identify those responsible for the grenade attack which occurred on March 30, 1997, in Cambodia and gather sufficient evidence to present in a court of law.

It would be imprudent for the FBI to speculate at this time who was responsible for the attack as this matter is a pending investigation. Because the investigation is pending, efforts to corroborate facts and gather evidence that will prove culpability beyond a reasonable doubt are continuing. Anyone can conclude who they believe is responsible however, as you know that conclusion on its own will not meet the threshold for successful criminal prosecution.

Often, in extraterritorial cases, political motivation can influence sources of information which makes determining the validity of statements more difficult. I can assure you that the FBI continues to aggressively pursue this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Dale L. Watson
Assistant Director
National Security Division



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December 22, 1998

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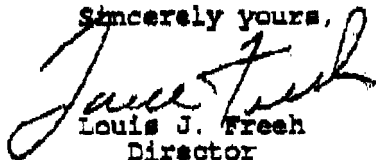
Dear Mr. Rainsy:

Thank you for your letter dated December 5, 1998, concerning an incident that occurred on March 30, 1997 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

The FBI has a long standing policy not to discuss pending FBI investigations. In light of that policy, I cannot comment on the matters you raised.

If other questions or concerns should arise, please feel free to contact Legal Attache Ralph Horton in Bangkok.

Sincerely yours,



Louis J. Freeh
Director



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July 14, 1997

Mr. Lorne W. Craner
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Dear Mr. Craner:

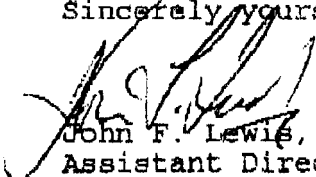
Reference is made to your letter to Director Freeh, dated June 20, 1997, requesting a briefing on the current status of our investigation of the March 30, 1997, grenade attack in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

This matter is the subject of an ongoing criminal investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is not at liberty to comment more specifically due to FBI and Department of Justice policy prohibiting comment on pending investigations. This policy has existed for a number of years and serves to prevent any impact on judicial proceedings relative to criminal charges that may result from the investigation.

The FBI remains sensitive to your concerns regarding the safety of International Republican Institute employees in Cambodia. We share these concerns for all Americans worldwide. However, the U.S. Department of State is the appropriate agency to address information regarding threat assessment of U.S. citizens abroad.

If the FBI can be of assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,


John F. Lewis, Jr.
Assistant Director in Charge
National Security Division