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Dear General,

I write to remind you of **Ko Aye Aung**, a student of physics who was arrested in Yangon 10 years ago this month - in September 1998. YOU will know from the details of his case that he has committed no crime by international standards, nor has he ever threatened violence against anyone. He is reported to have been tortured, contrary to Articles 330 and 331 of the Penal Code of Myanmar. For several years now he has been in Kale prison in Sagaing Division, nearly six hundred miles away from his family and friends. I understand that he is suffering from malaria and typhoid and is in need of medical attention. I have also heard that he has been denied access to religious books. These conditions amount to a severe restriction of his human rights and are in conflict with Myanmar's own codes for the treatment of prisoners, and contrary to the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

If you were truly to live by the principles of peace and justice then you would ensure that **Ko Aye Aung** receives the medical treatment he urgently needs. Please will you also ensure that he has access to appropriate legal advice and is allowed visits from family and friends. I am sure that, once you have reviewed his case, you will see that he should not be in prison at all and should be allowed to return to his studies at University.

Yours sincerely and respectfully,