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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for turning to you on behalf of the Christian pastor, the Rev. Dinh Diem, from the Province of Quảng Ngãi.

The 59-year-old family man has been in held custody since January 5, 2018 and was sentenced to 16 years in prison on July 12 of the same year. The court accused him of oppositional activities, which he himself rejects. Diem has been targeted by local authorities since 2017. He was at times prevented from traveling and preaching. According to information available to me, he was also tortured in prison to force him to confess.

Pastor Dinh Diem has only exercised his right to religious freedom as guaranteed by Article 24 of the Vietnamese Constitution of 2014. I therefore humbly beseech you, dear Mr. President, to advocate the immediate and unconditional release of the Rev. Diem.

Most respectfully,