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The Honorable Christian Kennedy
Special Envoy, Holocaust Issues
U.S. Department of State
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Dear Ambassador Kennedy,

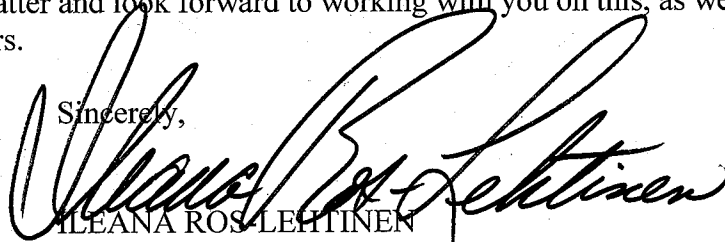
I am writing to bring to your attention the existence of a fascinating and newly-discovered Holocaust-era artifact and to ask you to help utilize this historic relic to enhance public knowledge about the Holocaust.

This unique artifact, known as the "Dachau Album," is a book of 30 color drawings depicting an artistic narrative of the life of inmates at the Dachau concentration camp during World War II. The artwork in the album was created by a Polish Catholic inmate of the camp, Michal Porulski, and was brought to the United States by a young Jewish Dachau survivor, Arnold Unger, after the camp was liberated by American troops. The Dachau Album was kept hidden by Mr. Unger until his death in 1972 and was safeguarded by Mr. Unger's children until recently, when they decided to share this important historic artifact with the public.

The unique nature of this artistic diary will add to the United States commitment to expand research and public education about the history of the Holocaust, and that is why I would like to ask that the album be utilized at Holocaust Remembrance Day events in the United States, as well as at our diplomatic posts around the world. Further, I request that, as part of your duties in overseeing participation of the United States in the International Holocaust Education Task Force, that you assist in ensuring that this important historical record is utilized to enhance education, research and remembrance of one of the darkest chapters in human history.

I thank you for your assistance in this matter and look forward to working with you on this, as well as other important Holocaust-related matters.

Sincerely,



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