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USA

Chelsea Manning

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35-YEAR SENTENCE FOR BLOWING THE WHISTLE ON ABUSES

In July 2013 US Army Private Chelsea (then known as Bradley) Manning was sentenced to 35 years' imprisonment after leaking classified government material to the website WikiLeaks.

Some of this material pointed to potential human rights violations and breaches of international humanitarian law by US troops, among others, and by the CIA in its counter-terror operations.

Chelsea Manning claimed she acted in the public interest, hoping to spark a meaningful debate on the costs of war, specifically on the conduct of the US military in Iraq and Afghanistan. However, she was not permitted to present this as evidence at trial, only to explain her motives at the sentencing phase.

Before her conviction, she had already been held for three years in pre-trial detention, including 11 months in conditions which the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture described as cruel and inhumane.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/chelsea



'It was never my intention to hurt anyone. I only wanted to help people. When I chose to disclose classified information, I did so out of a love for my country and a sense of duty to others.'

Chelsea Manning

SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Chelsea E Manning 89289
1400 North Warehouse Road
Fort Leavenworth
Kansas 66027-2304
USA

- **Preferred language** English
- **Salutation** Dear Chelsea
- **Suggested message** We are thinking about you and we continue to support you in your fight for justice. Please remember that you are not alone.
- **Additional information** 17 December is Chelsea Manning's birthday.

CAN I

- Send a religious card or message?
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?
- Include my name and address?
- Download the message in another language?

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Call on the President to grant Chelsea Manning clemency and release her, and urgently investigate the potential human rights violations exposed by the leaks.

Write to: President Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington DC 20500
USA

Email: (via website comment page)
www.whitehouse.gov/contact/submit-questions-and-comments

Salutation: Dear President Obama

In your letter:

- Call on the President to commute Chelsea Manning's sentence to time served in pre-trial detention and to release her immediately, in view of her motivation, the treatment she endured in detention, and unfair aspects of her trial.
- Urge him to investigate the potential human rights violations Chelsea exposed.
- Urge him to strengthen protection for whistleblowers.