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Your Excellency,

Re: Freedom for Nguyen Xuan Nghia and Tran Huynh Duy Thuc.

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I am most concerned that Nguyen Xuan Nghia and Tran Huynh Duy Thuc

have been in prison for over two years and that there are serious concerns about the treatment they have received and the effect this has had on their health.

I understand that they have both been imprisoned because they were asking for freedom of speech and movement towards multi-party democracy in Vietnam. Neither of them have ever preached violent action against the state.

Amnesty International therefore considers them both to be “prisoners of conscience”.

I should like you to ensure that both men are treated well, given access to appropriate medical treatment, and speedily released to their homes and families.

It is very sad that the Vietnamese authorities appear not to feel confident enough to allow peaceful dissent. I hope that this will soon change and that Vietnam will lead the countries of SE Asia in promoting human rights for all its citizens.

Wishing you and your country well.

Yours sincerely,