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Subject: A Personal Than You Note

Dear Catherine,

I would like to thank you for your sympathy, care and genuine interest in moving my case forward. This is just a personal thank you note.

The Treasury has been blocking my case. They have encouraged/warned people not to respond to me especially in writing. So when you uncharacteristically stopped responding to my emails, it was clear to me that things were not going well for me.

When the State Department told you that their lawyers were studying the broader legal implications of my case, that was a sign for me that they will not act. When you mentioned that the Senator cannot push my case any further because it would not help to "aggravate" the US Treasury, I knew that it was the end of the line for me as far as Senator Van Hollen is concerned.

I would still appreciate getting the Treasury's reply to Senator Van Hollen, but doubt that I will get it.

Yonas