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The Honorable Lisa Peterson  
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FRANCE: persecution of a female diplomat for reporting corruption

Dear Assistant Secretary,

On 07/08/2021 you echoed Abraham Lincoln's warning that "citizens may lose trust in democracy"<sup>1</sup>. Here's an update to my 02/01/2022 letter on the stated subject, received the 14th<sup>2</sup>.

The attached memoir ended on this note: "I have made a drastic selection in the attached documents. Should any claim that I have made..." Recently I set up [github.com/francoise-nicolas/Wiki](https://github.com/francoise-nicolas/Wiki), that keeps track of my legal & advocacy work, with supporting evidence (work in progress).

On the open reason of state and the penal ruling in my case, I said: "and neither my supervisor, nor the ambassador were auditioned". This begs for an erratum : these parties made statements before the prosecutor (see attachment no. 4 of the memoir), but there was no confrontation (in the sense of the 6th amendment) in the adhesion procedure I filed for to overrule his dismissal.

Your bureau's 2021 report on France reiterates from 2020, "impunity was not widespread"<sup>3</sup>. Attached, a draft op-ed that continues the part of my memoir on the rule of law (it's dated 04/24/2022, I see no major change in hindsight<sup>4</sup>).

Sincerely yours,



Françoise Nicolas.

CC: Paris Bureau Chief, New York Times, Roger Cohen; Co-chair, Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, Hon. James P. McGovern; Executive Director, Amnesty International USA, Paul O'Brien; Executive Director, Human Rights

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<sup>1</sup><https://shorturl.me/2R8I>

<sup>2</sup><https://shorturl.me/tI8R>

<sup>3</sup><https://shorturl.me/xVPuu>

<sup>4</sup>Fillion's much publicized conviction is too small a sample, and is not settled

Watch, Paris branch, Kenneth Roth; Co-chair, Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, Hon. Christopher H. Smith.

Attached:

Draft op-ed on the rule of law, dated 04/24/2022 . . . . . 3