Dear President Clinton,

I am a psychiatrist who went to Sri Lanka two times after the tsunami to do grief counseling. My work was in the Tamil areas up north. These people were devastated after the years of war BEFORE the tsunami. The grief and sadness was overwhelming after the tsunami. I met the most amazing people: women, men and children who were easily reminded of their inner magnificence. The work we did changed me deeply.

I remember at the time that you Mr. Clinton, pressed for the Singhalese government to allow tsunami aid to go to the Tamils or you would not release the aid. There was a brief period of time when a P-Tom agreement was signed to allow the aid to go up North and East into Tamil areas. That agreement was shredded by the government shortly after it was signed.

VERY LITTLE aid went to them.

The Red Cross is sitting on 500 million dollars that will go back into their fund on DEC. 26, 2006, if it is not spent on the tsunami.

There is a DIRE need now to help these poor Tamil people. The civil war has spread to their areas. They are systemically being slaughtered, starved, bombed and destroyed by the Singhalese government.

Recently the Bush administration under pressure from the Singhalese government labeled the LTTE or Tamil Tigers as a terrorist organization. This has effectively frozen all humanitarian aid to these people. I am begging you to do something!!

You promised the world that you would make sure that the tsunami aid would be delivered fairly to all people who were affected.

This has clearly not happened. Not only that, these people are being starved and killed. I fell in love in Sri Lanka with her beautiful simple decent people. We can’t let them starve to death.

Please respond!

I have attached a news clipping detailing the present danger.

Respectfully,

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