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H.E. Dr Raden Mohammad Marty
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Dear Ambassador,

West Papua has sadly received very little attention from the outside world since its annexation by General Suharto's Indonesia in 1969 under the now discredited 'Act of Free Choice' referendum in which, as our own Government has now admitted "a thousand hand-picked [West Papuans] were largely coerced into declaring for Indonesia".

We therefore warmly welcome the spotlight shone on the conflict in West Papua by the recent Unreported World documentary Rainforest Warriors (Channel 4, 20th October 2006) in which the reporters Evan Williams and Siobhan Sinnerton brought to light what they called "the slow suffocation of a people" under Indonesian military occupation.

In August 2005, the Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono expressed his desire to resolve the issue of West Papua in a "peaceful, just and dignified manner". May we therefore take this opportunity to call on him to show his good will in this regard by ordering the immediate release of Filep Karma and Yusak Pakage, two West Papuans recognised as prisoners of conscience by Amnesty International who are currently serving prison sentences of 15 and 10 years respectively for the peaceful raising of the banned West Papuan independence flag in December 2004.

Yours faithfully,

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