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June 8, 1994

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Dear Messrs. Berger and Gray:

I am writing on behalf of Human Rights Watch to request permission for a representative to make regular visits to the site of the screening of Haitian boat people in order to monitor the fairness of the screening.

As you may know, Human Rights Watch has lengthy experience monitoring human rights in Haiti, and we have extensively examined the procedures used for in-country processing of would-be Haitian refugees. Because we believe that summary repatriation of Haitian boat people violates the international prohibition of refoulement, we welcome the Administration's announcement that it will resume screening those fleeing Haiti to ensure that refugees are not forcibly repatriated.

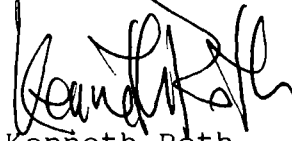
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While we would expect to report our findings publicly, we would naturally refrain from publishing the names or other

identifying characteristics of asylum-applicants without their express permission. Because we accept no government funds as a way of ensuring our independence, our presence at the site of the screening would not burden the government with additional expenses.

I would be happy to meet with you to discuss this proposal further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Roth", written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth Roth
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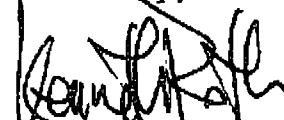
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