

## **Write to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice**

### **Model letter to Condoleezza Rice**

Use the model text below to send a letter to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice requesting visas and visiting rights for family members of the Miami 5.

You should send your letter to: Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, 2201 C St. NW, Washington, DC 20520 USA

Dear Condoleezza Rice,

I respectfully request that you grant entry rights into the United States, for the following two Cuban women, so they are able to visit their husbands, who are currently held in U.S. prisons:

- Olga Salanueva Arango  
wife of René González, reg.#58738-004, who is currently in F.C.I. Marianna, Florida
- Adriana Pérez O'Connor  
wife of Gerardo Hernández, reg.#58739-004, who is currently in U.S.P Victorville, California.

These two women, upstanding and productive citizens of their country, should be able to visit their husbands on humanitarian grounds.

I am aware that these two women have been denied visas on a number of occasions and neither has been able to visit their husbands for over seven years. This is a particularly cruel and unusual punishment.

Amnesty International have said

'In the absence of a clear and immediate threat posed by such visits, this measure is unnecessarily punitive and contrary both to standards for the humane treatment of prisoners and to states' obligation to protect family life'

People around the world are aware of this inhumane situation and there is no justifiable reason to keep the families separated.

I hope you will review this matter favourably and grant entry visas into the United States and help keep the families together.

Yours sincerely,