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**From:** catherine Njora [mailto: ]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2011 02:48 PM  
**To:** Buner, Elizabeth (USANYS)  
**Subject:** Case Number 1998R 02072 & Court Docket no.98 - CR -01023

Dear Ms Elizabeth,

I attach a letter from Hellen Adhiambo Victim Identification No. [REDACTED]. Hellen requested that i assist her to send this mail through my email as she does not have an email address and does not know how to use an email address owing to her level of education which was basic.

Kind Regards  
Catherine

Hellen Adhiambo Ogindo,

P.o.Box [REDACTED], Nairobi, Kenya

The Honourable Lewis A Kaplan,  
United State District Judge,  
United States Courthouse,  
500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

17<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

Dear Judge Kaplan,

**Re. Case No. 1998R02072 & Court Docket No. 98-CR-01023**

Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

August 7<sup>th</sup> 1998, forever changed my life and my life has never been the same again since then.

I am a single parent, who looked after my three children and elderly parents. I worked tirelessly to provide for my family, through my wages as a cleaner and taking up additional jobs.

Following the events on August 7<sup>th</sup> 1998, I was found unconscious, profusely bleeding due to flying glass objects which pierced my neck, ear, left hand and my mouth. I was hospitalised in Kenyatta Hospital in Nairobi from August 7<sup>th</sup> 1998 and discharged after 3days. Thereafter I attended the trauma clinics at Clinic No 19 at Kenyatta Hospital on daily basis for reviews. Dr.Masinde, ENT Surgeon, thereafter operated on me in August where I was admitted in Kenyatta Hospital Ward 9, for 4days and underwent surgery. I also attended to Eye Specialist – Dr Nyagah, to rectify issues I faced with my eyes in terms of visibility and removal of particles in my eyes following the bomb blast. To date my body is not the same again as I continue to attend various clinics to address ailments associated with that tragic day. I remain grateful to AMREF as the initial cost of the medical treatment was via them, and I remain hopeful that one day the American government will compensate us – victims.

During that period, 1998 I was working as a cleaner. My job came to an end due to ill health, and my children dropped out of school, and had to fend for themselves, by looking for casual jobs, to make ends meet. I remained jobless from September 1998 to 2006. Many days my family and I went on empty stomachs as I could not provide for my family. I could not afford to pay my rent of Kes 1500 (US\$ 19 exchange rate 80) and my landlady asked us to vacate the house. My household items were auctioned because of rent arrears. Good Samaritans / well wishers accommodated us for brief stays. We became homeless and this took a toll on my children and I suffered as we suffered from many illnesses due to the harsh conditions sleeping out. My children became sick on and off, and as a result of my poor health I became a poor person who had to beg from friends. I could no longer to provide the basic foodstuffs for my family on daily basis which includes milk, maize meal, greens and the occasional meat. Prior to the

Bomb Blast I was earning earn Kes 3500 from my job as a cleaner and an addition kes 4000 from home chores in various homes. My income was at least an average of US\$100 per month

I can no longer perform tasks which require high energy levels, as I easily get exhausted. I no longer can take up other causal jobs to supplement my income, nor provide for my parents in their daily upkeep. My body is weak and I feel nauseated, suffer from dizzy spells, loss of memory, chest pains, constant headaches, and flu's. Many times am depressed and annoyed with the world for causing so much pain to myself and my family. Due to my inability to provide for my family and dependants my father passed on in 2006 and my mother stays in abject poverty

My suffering to date is as a result of the Terrorist attack in Kenya by persons who cared less about life. I remain bitter with them and I do recommend that they are imprisoned for life. As a deterrent to other offenders or would be offenders.

Yours Sincerely

Hellen Adhiambo Ogindo