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My name is Warren Weinstein. I am 72 years old and have been a prisoner of Al Qaeda since Mid-August 2011. I was born July 3, 1941 and was taken prisoner while working as a consultant in Pakistan. I have a heart condition and acute asthma. My wife, Elaine, lives in Rockville, Maryland in the Aspen Hill area.

I am a former college professor in the New York State University system where I taught at The Oswego State College campus. I am also a former Peace Corps Country Director (Togo, Ivory Coast) and worked for more than seven years at USAID and then at The International Finance Corporation of The World Bank Group. I have been a consultant since 2003.

I spent much of the 1970's working on and teaching the protection of human rights. I also worked on ethnic conflict and have published on both subjects. I am also

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one of the founders of The Human Rights Internet, a journal I started with Laurie Wiseberg.

I have appealed several times to President Obama to help me but to no avail. I am therefore writing now to the Media to ask that you help me to gain my release and rejoin my family - my wife, two daughters, two grandchildren and my son-in-law. I am hoping that you will take up my case on a human interest and humanitarian basis, and that you can help my family and me to convince President Obama to take action to negotiate my release. I am certain my wife and family can provide you with information about me.

I hope that the media can mount a campaign to get the American Government to actively pursue my release and to make

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sure that I am not forgotten and just become another statistic. Given my age and my health I don't have time on my side.

I realize that you have many people asking you to take up their cause; yet, I hope you will find my case worthy of your attention and time.

I want to thank you in advance for everything you can do to keep my case before the American public and to sway the Government to take positive action on my behalf. I believe that if they negotiate in good faith with my captors I could be released - hopefully before time and my age end the issue.

Cordially yours,  
Warren Weinstein