

The Honorable John F. Kerry  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
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Dear Secretary Kerry,

During the course of Operation Enduring Freedom, a US Army soldier, Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, was captured in Afghanistan four long years ago. Why has POW Bowe Bergdahl not been brought home?

Recently, our government traded Russian spies for U S spies, and we saw two hikers ransomed for \$1 million dollars in Iran. Israel has traded many prisoners for a single enemy-held soldier. Bill Clinton successfully negotiated with North Korea for the release of two journalists after they sentenced to 12 years labor for illegal entry. Chinese dissidents have been brought to America.

I do not pretend to understand the complexities of diplomatic negotiations. I do, however, firmly believe that every single American soldier means more to this country than demonstrated by our apparent actions, or lack thereof, regarding the capture of Bowe Bergdahl. The fact that a country itself is a manifestation of its citizens has been demonstrated throughout the world. When all systems, diplomacy and all else fail, the government turns to its citizens for solutions and survival.

It appears that we do negotiate with terrorists, depending upon the value for whomever we are negotiating. No person should be regarded as higher in profile or greater worth than an American soldier. Very few other American citizens continuously risk their past, present and future on a daily basis like our military service personnel.

Surely, our country places the highest value upon Sgt Bowe Bergdahl. We request that your maximum effort be made to bring him home while he is still alive. We should not see another American POW left behind as has occurred in the past.

How can we ask citizens to serve our country if we abandon them should they be captured by the enemy? Certainly, we can commit this real and valid assurance of no one left behind to the men and women fighting to maintain our freedom.

I am asking that you arrange a trade, negotiate or do whatever is required to bring this young man home alive. He has already suffered immeasurably in captivity.

I look for your prompt response due to the critical nature and the diminishing time to resolve this situation. Our greatest fear is that Sgt. Bergdahl's life will have no value once our withdrawal from Afghanistan is complete.

Sincerely,

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