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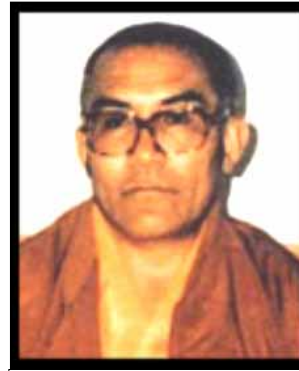
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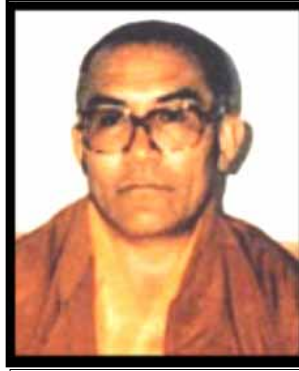
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Your Excellency,

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In 1989, **Chadrel Rinpoche**, then abbot of Tashi Lhunpo Monastery, was appointed by the Chinese government to lead the official search for the reincarnation of the Panchen Lama. In 1995, shortly after an announcement by the Dalai Lama, Chadrel Rinpoche disappeared along with the boy recognised as the Panchen Lama, 6 year old Gedhun Choekyi Nyima. After nearly 2 years detention, Chadrel Rinpoche was sentenced in April 1997 to 6 years imprisonment, based on accusations that he had conspired with the Dalai Lama and had conducted himself improperly. However, his decision to cooperate with the Dalai Lama was originally endorsed by the Chinese authorities in 1993. These accusations are therefore false. We are very much concerned over the dearth of news concerning Rinpoche's location and health condition. We therefore request information regarding the whereabouts and the status of Chadrel Rinpoche. We also call for his immediate and unconditional release from the alleged house arrest and request that he be restored to his former position as abbot of Tashi Lhunpo Monastery, Shigatse.

We also ask that international impartial observers be allowed access to **Gedhun Choekyi Nyima** and his family to establish their well-being. We furthermore would like to ask the Chinese authorities to respect Tibetan Buddhist traditions and culture and allow Tibetans to freely practice their religion without restrictions or interference.

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