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Dear Editor,

I would like to clarify some points in the *Phnom Penh Post* article entitled "Detained Chinese claim neglect" written by Phelim Kyne and published in your edition of October 29 - November 11, 1999.

The article states: "Immigration officials later rebuffed attempts made by representatives of United Nations Centre for Human Rights to gain access to the villa, while UNHCHR efforts to enlist the assistance of the International Committee of the Red Cross for assistance were equally unsuccessful. "

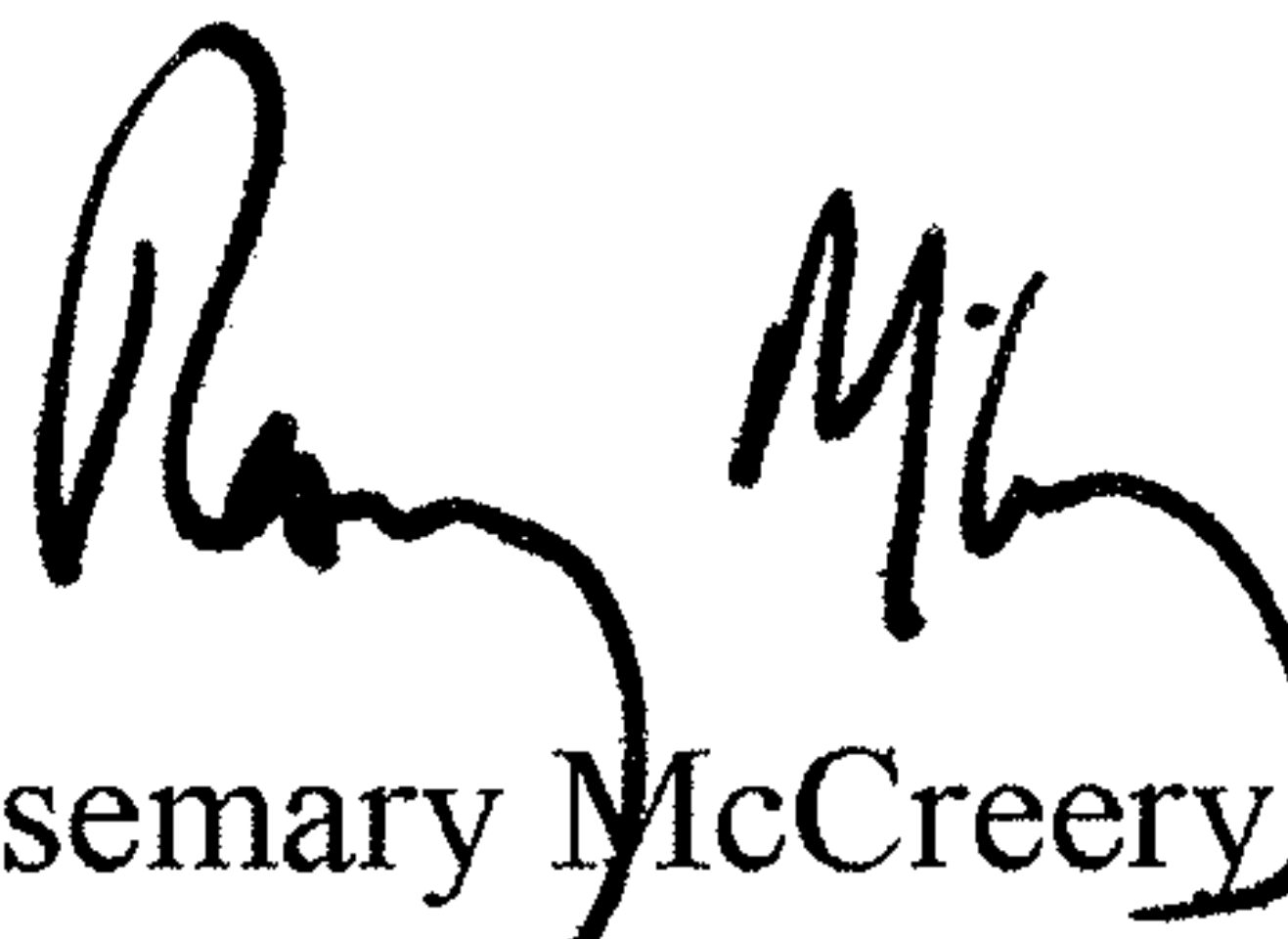
In fact, the COHCHR received authorization from the authorities to visit the villa on Thursday 28 September. A team from the office went to the villa with a representative of UN High Commissioner for Refugees and a medical team from LICADHO. Full access to the villa and the possibility of private interviews was granted.

In addition, the Deputy Chief of the Immigration Department, the Provincial Governor of Kandal, the District Chief of Kien Svay, and the Deputy Police Commissioner of Kandal Province accompanied the team.

It is also important to clarify that our Office did not request the assistance of the International Committee of the Red Cross to gain access to the villa, despite what is said in the article.

I would be grateful if you would ensure that these points are clarified in your next edition.

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