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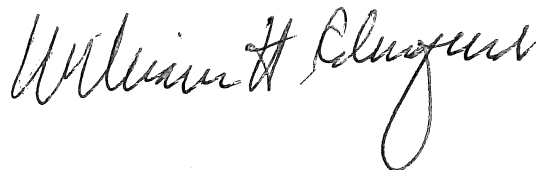
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Professor Azizah Y. al-Hibri
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Dear Professor al-Hibri:

Thank you for your letter dated March 18, 1997, on behalf of the twelve Muslim organizations concerning the depiction of Muhammad in one of the friezes in the Courtroom of the Supreme Court. I appreciate your comments. Your views and those of the organizations you represented were most helpful in responding to the issues recently raised.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "William H. Rehnquist".