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Edward J. McElroy  
PRESIDENT

Dear Secretary Albright:

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SECRETARY-TREASURER

On behalf of all of us at the American Federation of Teachers, I wanted to express our deepest sympathy at the tragic death of Andrea "Andi" Parhamovich. What a remarkable young woman Andi must have been, and what a terrible and heartbreaking loss this must be for her family, friends, and co-workers at NDI and in Iraq.

Antonia Cortese  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

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Andi's tragic death is a loss that can never be fully measured. Yet, this much we can be sure of: Andi Parhamovich's dedication to her work and to the ideals of democracy should serve as an inspiration to everyone who learns of her sacrifice.

VICE PRESIDENTS

Those of you who worked with her at NDI know first hand what a remarkable young woman she was. The rest of us are learning about her through press reports and through the memories of her colleagues. One can only hope sadness that surrounds her untimely and tragic death will never replace the facts of her too-short life: the joy she brought to those she worked with and to those she sought to help, and the passionate commitment she demonstrated to the cause of freedom and democracy.

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Those are the qualities of a well-lived life; those are the qualities of a remarkable individual.

Please extend our condolences to Andi Parhamovich's family, co-workers and friends.

Sincerely,

Edward J. McElroy  
President

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