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Dear Procurator General,

I am most concerned about the 'disappearance' of the 27-year-old **DMITRY ZAVADSKY**. On 7th of July, 2001 the *Russian Public Television* cameraman drove to a Minsk airport to meet journalist colleague Pavel Sheremet . His car was found parked at the airport. Dmitry Zavadsky himself has not been seen since and his family has received no word from him. Dmitry Zavadsky worked on a documentary film in Chechnya with Pavel Sheremit and had information suggesting that several former and current members of the elite police *Almaz* had been active combatants on the Chechnen side against the Russians.

The investigation into the 'disappearance' of Dmitry Zavadsky has been criticized for its perceived lack of transparency and impartiality. Several past and present members of *Almaz* are currently in custody charged in connection with the kidnapping and possible murder of Dmitry Zavadsky. The trial in summer is expected to be held behind closed doors.

I want to request that those responsible be brought to justice in the course of a fair trial, which is open to public view and according to international standards. Please let me stress that the motivation of my letter is in no way political but only humanitarian.

Yours sincerely,