

THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. Schansman,

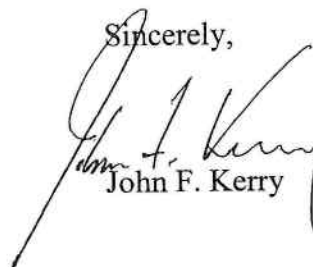
Thank you for your recent letter. As a father myself, I can only begin to imagine the pain and loss you have endured with your son's tragic passing. My heart goes out to you and your family, and I appreciate that you have written to me after a second Christmas without Quinn and without justice.

The assessment I provided to the media three days following the shoot down remains unchanged, and is corroborated by the findings of the Dutch Safety Board. Flight 17 was shot down by a BUK surface-to-air missile fired from separatist-controlled territory in eastern Ukraine.

The United States strongly supports all efforts to bring to justice those responsible. As I pledged to Foreign Minister Bert Koenders, we will continue to cooperate with the Joint Investigation Team's work to determine the cause of the shoot down, and identify those responsible. We will also support future efforts to hold accountable those who took the lives of the 298 passengers and crew.

This investigative work is not easy, and bringing those responsible to justice will not be a quick process. However, Quinn, your family, and the families of all the others who died that day deserve such justice, and we will continue to do everything possible to achieve it.

Sincerely,



John F. Kerry