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Dear Sir,

I write in regard to an article in Al-Wafd newspaper by Fikria Ahmad dated January 5, 2011 about the office of USAID in Cairo, with the provocative title "The USAID Building, A Fortress of Secrets Guarded by Commandos." It is unfortunate that the journalist who wrote the story never attempted to talk to staff from USAID before she wrote her story. If she had, she might have been able to write a truthful story. Instead, she came up with a bizarre mix of lies, distortions and inaccuracies. We would be happy to invite Al Wafd party officials and Ms. Ahmad to visit our offices and see for yourselves what we actually do.

Thanks for your attention.

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