Dear Dr. Salmon,

In response to your call for submissions on the human rights of women and girls in the DPRK, in particular those in detention, permit me to draw attention to my testimony before the United Nations Commission of Inquiry on October 13, 2013:

 Testimony: North Korea's Political Prisoners, The Gender Dimension, United Nations Commission of Inquiry, October 20, 2013 (https://www.hrnk.org/uploads/files/HRNK%20-%20COI%20st%20women.pdf)

I would also draw your attention to the following program in which I participated together with a North Korean woman escapee Jinhye Jo, held at the Korea Society in New York on June 20, 2014:

North Korea's Prisoners and the Gender Dimension, The Korea Society, June 20,
 2014 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_k-R5haH4Q)

It would be most useful to know whether there have been any reforms made in law or practices applicable to women in detention over the past decade. I commend your undertaking.

Yours sincerely,

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