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Dear Alistair,

Re: Extraordinary Rendition

Thank you for your reply to my letter of 27 October 2010. Frankly, it didn't tell me much.¹ A number of specific questions require a response. I have set them out in a numbered annex. I would be grateful for a similarly numbered reply.

While I understand the need to avoid prejudicing or pre-empting the Detainee Inquiry's conclusions, there is equally a need to ensure that the Inquiry is provided with sufficient information to enable it to do its job. If this information is not held by the government then it needs to be obtained from the US administration. I hope you agree.

Diego Garcia

I am disappointed that you did not answer the majority of my questions on Diego Garcia. I would be grateful for an explanation as to why you cannot confirm or deny that the government holds full details of the flights and the detainees involved. To do so would not require the details themselves to be disclosed. The Inquiry will clearly need to be provided with this information. If it is being withheld by the US, as previous answers have implied, then a further more forceful request may be needed.

I take your position to be that the agreements between the US and the UK for the use of Diego Garcia were breached by the two rendition flights. This is not the US position. This strongly indicates both that the clarity and policing of the agreements require strengthening.

I am grateful for your assurance that *"no [rendition] flights, other than the two previously referred to, had been through the UK, UK airspace or Overseas*

