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*From The Minister of State*

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*Dear Andrew*

Thank you for your letter of 3 October about the National Security Council (NSC) document entitled "Strategy for Eliminating the Threat from the Jihadist Networks of al Qaida: Status and Prospects".

We discuss detainee-related issues, including rendition, with the United States Administration on a regular basis and have mentioned your specific concerns about the NSC document. However, nothing has emerged from these discussions with the Administration which contradicts the results of the thorough search of official UK Government records for evidence of rendition. We have simply found no evidence of any cases of rendition from or through the UK, other than the two cases in 1998, which I referred to in my letter of 9 August. In these two cases the individuals were transferred through the UK in order to stand trial in the United States. Both individuals were subsequently convicted. The details are as follows:

- Mohammed Rashid was charged for bombing a Pan Am aircraft in August 1982. He pleaded guilty to murder in December 2002. He will remain in prison in the US until March 2013.
- Mohamed Rashed Daoud Al-Owhali was charged for his part in the 1998 attack on the US Embassy in Nairobi. He was convicted in June 2001 and sentenced to life imprisonment.

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