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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David Miliband".

I am writing to you in my role as Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Extraordinary Rendition, to make a number of information requests under the Freedom of Information Act.

I have listed these requests in order of priority. I realise that this will be a lot of work for officials in your Department, and am very happy to be contacted to clarify specific requests, or to discuss how best the information requested could be provided.

I am aware that the high number of these requests may result in the cost limit for applications under the Freedom of Information Act being exceeded. In this event, I would be grateful if you could deal with as many of my requests as possible within the applicable cost limit, and in accordance with the order of priority (set out below).

Your officials kindly indicated that they could contact me if the cost limit is exceeded, to inform me of this fact and to put in place arrangements for dealing with the remaining requests. I appreciate this offer.

Diego Garcia

1. The passenger lists of the aircraft with serial number N379P which landed at Diego Garcia on 13 September 2002¹; the stated purpose of the flight; any permissions granted by the UK or sought by the US in relation to this flight; any other information provided by the US or requested by the UK in relation to this flight.
2. The specific passages of the minutes of the 2006 US/UK Political Military Talks held in London on 17 and 18 October in which assurances regarding the use of Diego Garcia in the US renditions programme were given and discussed².
3. The specific passages of the minutes of the 2005 US/UK Political Military Talks in which assurances regarding the use of Diego Garcia in the US renditions programme were given and discussed.
4. All assurances given by the US that “no detainees, prisoners of war or any other persons in this category are being held on Diego Garcia, or have at any time passed in transit through Diego Garcia or its territorial waters or airspace”³, since 11 September 2001.
5. All agreements entered into between the US and the UK, or requests made by the US, for holding prisoners on, or transporting them through, the British Indian Ocean Territory, since 11 September 2001.

Bisher al-Rawi and Jamil el-Banna

6. The date on which the purpose of the modified battery charger, that was discovered during the detention of Bisher al-Rawi at Gatwick

¹ Source: Flight logs obtained by Reprieve.

² Source: Written Answer 26 October 2006,

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200506/cmhansrd/vo061026/text/61026w0014.htm#0610272000007>.

³ Sources: Written Answer 26 October 2006,

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200506/cmhansrd/vo061026/text/61026w0014.htm#0610272000007>;

Written Answer 11 October 2007,

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200607/cmhansrd/cm071011/text/71011w0006.htm#0710113300006>

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airport and noted in the telegrams of 1 November 2002 and 11 November⁴, was first known.

7. All information relating to the decision to detain the group including Bisher al-Rawi and Jamil el-Banna at Gatwick airport on 1 November 2002.
8. All information relating to the threat to the security of Britain or any other nation posed by Bisher al-Rawi and Jamil el-Banna; the work allegedly carried out for the intelligence services by Bisher al-Rawi; and the location of Abu Qatada, between 11 September 2001 and 1 November 2002.
9. All information received from the Gambian authorities, including that received via the US authorities, regarding Bisher al-Rawi and Jamil el-Banna, between 1 November 2002 and 6 December 2002⁵.
10. All records of communications between US and UK officials regarding the 'operation' cited in the Loose Minute of 6 November 2002, Subject: Baggage search of Abu ANAS⁶, between 1 October 2002 and 6 November 2002.
11. All records of communications between US and UK officials regarding Bisher al-Rawi and Jamil el-Banna, between 8 November 2002 and 6 December 2002, including records of the telephone conversation of 8 November 2002⁷, and records of the telephone conversation referred to in the 6 December 2002 telegram 'Islamists in Detention in the Gambia'⁸.
12. All information relating to any visits made by UK officials to Bisher al-Rawi or Jamil el-Banna, the progress of the US investigation into Bisher al-Rawi and Jamil el-Banna's activities⁹, and the intention of

⁴ Source: Intelligence and Security Committee Report into Rendition, July 2007, para 118; Intelligence and Security Committee Report into Rendition, July 2007, para 130.

⁵ Source: Out-Telegram to US authorities dated 4 November 2002, 'Travellers to Gambia', referred to in the Intelligence and Security Committee Report into Rendition, July 2007, paras 120 & 121.

⁶ Source: Loose Minute dated 6 November 2002, 'Baggage search of Abu ANAS; 1 November 2002'.

⁷ Source: Out-Telegram to US authorities dated 8 November 2002, 'Individuals Travelling to Gambia', referred to in the Intelligence and Security Committee Report into Rendition, July 2007, para 126.

⁸ Source: Out-Telegram to US authorities dated 6 December 2002, 'Islamists in Detention in the Gambia', referred to in the Intelligence and Security Committee Report into Rendition, July 2007, para 135.

⁹ Source: Intelligence and Security Committee Report into Rendition, July 2007, para 131.

the US authorities to render Bisher al-Rawi and Jamil el-Banna to Bagram Airbase¹⁰, between 1 November 2002 and 8 December 2002.

13. The 'matters' that enabled Jack Straw to approach the US authorities on Bisher al-Rawi's behalf¹¹.

Binyam Mohamed al-Habashi

14. All information relating to any visits by UK intelligence officers to British resident Binyam Mohamed al-Habashi while he was being held in Karachi in 2002.
15. All information passed between UK authorities and Moroccan authorities, during the detention of Binyam Mohamed al-Habashi in Morocco between 2002 and 2004.

US Interrogation Practices

16. All information received as a direct result of the US interrogation of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, between March 2003 and 6 September 2006.
17. All information received as a direct result of the US interrogation of Abu Zubaydah, between March 2002 and 6 September 2006.
18. All information received as a direct result of the US interrogation of Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, between November 2002 and 6 September 2006.
19. All information received from US authorities concerning the so-called 'Heathrow airport plot' in February 2003, including the source of the information received, from March 2002 to February 2003¹².

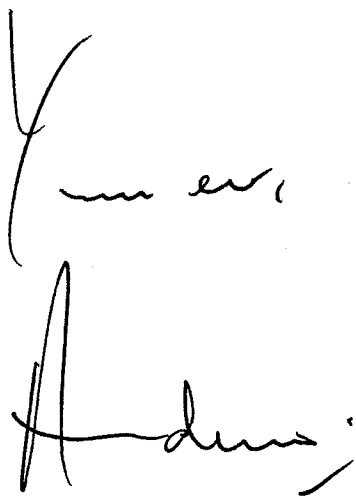
¹⁰ Source: Intelligence and Security Committee Report into Rendition, July 2007, para 132.

¹¹ Source: Intelligence and Security Committee Report into Rendition, July 2007, para 143 & 147.

¹² Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 'Summary of the High Value Terrorist Detainee Program', 6 September 2006, available at <http://www.dni.gov/announcements/content/TheHighValueDetaineeProgram.pdf>; BBC News, 'Blair authorised terror alert troops', 17 February 2003, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/2747677.stm>.

20. All information received from US authorities concerning the so-called 'Chemical bomb plot' in April 2004, including the source of the information received, from April 2003 to April 2004¹³.
21. All information received from US authorities concerning the so-called '2004 UK Urban Targets Plot' in mid-2004, including the source of the information received, from April 2003 to November 2004¹⁴.
22. All information received from US authorities concerning the alleged foiled attack on Canary Wharf in November 2004, including the source of any information received, from November 2003 to November 2004¹⁵.

I am placing this letter in the public domain.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Tyrie', with a large initial 'A' and a flourish at the end.

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¹³ BBC News, 'Chemical 'bomb plot' in UK foiled', 6 April 2004, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/3603961.stm>.

¹⁴ Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 'Summary of the High Value Terrorist Detainee Program', 6 September 2006.

¹⁵ Independent on Sunday, 'Focus: The tower at Canary Wharf. Was it the target of an al-Qa'ida plot or a cynical exercise in fear-mongering?', 28 November 2004, <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/focus-the-tower-at-canary-wharf-was-it-the-target-of-an-alqaida-plot-or-a-cynical-exercise-in-fearmongering-534851.html>.