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*From the Secretary of State*

The Rt Hon Andrew Tyrie MP  
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on Extraordinary Rendition  
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*A. Tyrie,*

You will know from the Secretary of State for Defence's statement to the House on 26 February that two individuals detained by UK forces in Iraq and transferred to US detention were subsequently moved by the US to a US detention facility in Afghanistan in 2004. The US have told us that this was because of a lack of Pashtun speaking interrogators in Iraq. The men remain in US custody, and the International Committee of the Red Cross have access to them. We have been given assurances by the US about their treatment.

This sets the record straight on an aspect of our detentions policy. In response to your Parliamentary Question of 20 December 2005, Kim Howells gave the following answer: 'We are unaware of any individuals originally detained by UK authorities and subsequently renditioned by the USA to any country.' (Official Column 2840W)

I enclose a copy of John Hutton's statement. I am placing a copy of this letter in the library of the House of Commons.

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*Jani*

**DAVID MILIBAND**