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Andrew,

Thank you for your letter of 14 January, addressed to Ruth Kelly, concerning the recording of requests by foreign States to conduct rendition flights through UK airspace. I have been asked to reply as Minister responsible for civil aviation.

The Department for Transport does not receive requests to conduct renditions through the UK or UK airspace. If such a request was received, a clear point of contact has been established at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), the Department leading on this issue, to whom the request would be forwarded.

As you are aware, following the recommendation of the Intelligence and Security Committee, the FCO has established a robust system for maintaining records of rendition requests.

Yours Sincerely

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February 2008

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I hope this explains the position.

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Bob

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14 January 2008

Dear Ruth,

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We are concerned that Government departments have had such difficulty in establishing the facts from their own records in relation to requests to conduct renditions through UK airspace. These are matters of fundamental liberties and the Government should ensure that proper searchable records are kept.

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- Has the Department for Transport similarly made provisions for a recording system on rendition to be put in place?
- If so, what specific procedures and guidelines have been put in place to ensure comprehensive and accurate record keeping on rendition?

I have also written to the Secretary of State for Defence in the same terms and am placing a copy of this letter in the public domain.

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