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M Dick Marty
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20th February 2006

Dear Dr Marty

Re: Extraordinary Rendition

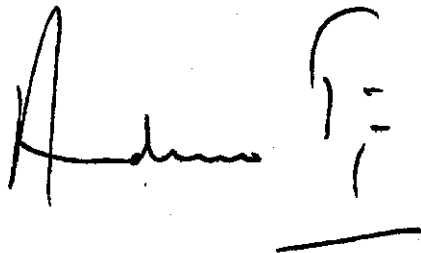
I am the Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Extraordinary Rendition. This is a cross party group of over 50 MPs and Peers from the British parliament. It also has a specialist advisor and administrative support. We are the primary forum in the UK parliament for the investigation, discussion and analysis of Extraordinary Rendition.

I am writing in response to your letter of 19th December 2006 to the National Delegation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, in which you enclosed a list of questions to be addressed to governments. Many of these questions have already been put to the UK Government. Please see the attached table. I have also tabled additional questions, the responses to which I will send you as they arrive.

The All Party Parliamentary Group has conducted a wide range of activities: we have prepared a briefing paper in conjunction with the Centre for Human Rights and Global Justice at New York University School of Law; we commissioned a legal opinion on Rendition from leading International lawyer, Professor James Crawford; we are preparing a dossier on allegations of rendition and follow-up by the UK; we are chairing an Expert Working Group which will make recommendations for improvements to the permission and monitoring system. The first of these two papers is attached. Further activity is planned.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these and other matters further with you. When you are next in the UK, I would be delighted to invite you to the House of Commons, otherwise, perhaps we could speak on the telephone.

Yours sincerely

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10th April 2006

Dear Mr Marty

Thank you for inviting me to speak at the hearing taking place in Strasbourg tomorrow. I regret that I was not able to attend, but very much hope that I will be able to come to a subsequent hearing.

As you may be aware, on Tuesday 28th March, the All Party Parliamentary Group on Extraordinary Rendition held an information session with Wahab al-Rawi, Sabah el-Banna, and the lawyers representing Bisher Al-Rawi and Jamil El-Banna: Brent Mickum and Gareth Peirce. I was delighted to meet two of your colleagues at that event.

The purpose of the meeting was to obtain information on the alleged rendition of British residents Mr el-Banna and Mr al-Rawi. In particular, I sought to establish whether the men had been rendered, whether the UK knew about it, and whether the UK supported it. As far as I have been able to establish, the answer to the first two questions appears to be that a rendition did take place. I do not have sufficient information to reach a conclusion on the second and third questions.

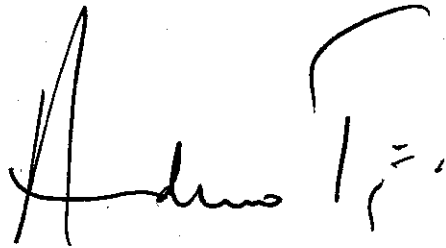
I would like to take this opportunity to share the following documents with you:

- an uncorrected transcript from our information session;
- a copy of a letter from the Treasury Solicitor's Department explaining why the UK government will make representations to the US about Mr al-Rawi;

- copies of telegrams sent by the British to a foreign government, in connection with Mr al-Rawi and Mr el-Banna;
- I will forward copies of the letters to the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, the Joint Intelligence and Security Committee, and the Joint Committee on Human Rights in due course.

I look forward to discussing these documents in more detail when I am next in Strasbourg.

Yours sincerely

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The Chairperson

10 May 2006

Dear Mr Tyrie,

Please accept my apologies that I reply to you only now - I was hoping until the last moment that you might have been able to join our Committee during the April part-session in Strasbourg.

I am very grateful for the documentation that you sent me on the cases investigated by the All-Party Parliamentary Group that you chair. I should also like to thank you most warmly for the friendly and helpful reception that you and your collaborators, Ms Marsh and Mr Pallis, afforded to my secretariat members, Messrs Schirmer and Simpson, during their recent visit to London.

Their report to me on your valuable work, as well as background documents provided to me will, I am sure, be most useful when I present my final report before the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on 7 June in Paris and subsequently in the Assembly's part-session during the last week of June, in Strasbourg.

I would be delighted to meet you personally and discuss our renditions-related work should you be able to come to Paris or Strasbourg in June.

Best regards,

Dick Marty

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