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*Dear Sir,*

I am writing to you in my role as Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Extraordinary Rendition. On 16 April 2007 I wrote to your predecessor Rt Hon Lord Falconer, and received a reply dated 27 June 2007 which I enclose for your reference.

I would be grateful if you could tell me whether or not you are in agreement with Lord Falconer on these issues, particularly:

- that it is not right for terrorist suspects to be transported to third countries for the purpose of interrogation, or to be held;
- that the Government does not agree with secret imprisonment, and does not allow people to be removed from the UK except by recognised formal procedures such as extradition and deportation;
- that the Government would not assist in rendering a person who would be held in the circumstances apparently applying to Abu Zubayda.

He was captured 'within months of September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001'<sup>1</sup> and held in a secret CIA run facility for almost five years before being transferred to Guantanamo Bay in September 2006. During his time in secret detention, he was not given any opportunity to challenge his detention or his treatment.

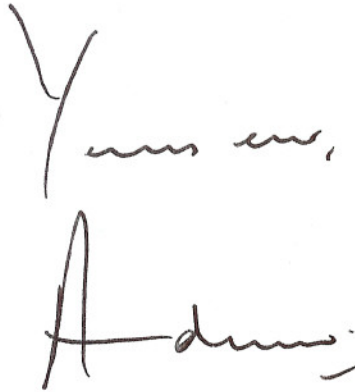
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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2006/09/20060906-3.html>

In a speech to the Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Services Lord Falconer committed the Government to examine 'the impact our policy and particularly our counter-terrorism legislation is having on hearts and minds'<sup>2</sup>.

What impact do you think the UK's unwillingness to condemn the US policy of rendition and secret detention has on hearts and minds in the Muslim world?

I am placing this letter in the public domain.

The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'Andrew Tyrie'. The first name 'Andrew' is written in a larger, more prominent script, while 'Tyrie' is written in a smaller, more compact script. The signature is positioned above the printed name 'ANDREW TYRIE'.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.rusi.org/events/ref:E45740BC85792E/info:public/infoID:E45D3093433F92/> 14-15 Feb 2007