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July 6, 2004

The Honorable Colin L. Powell  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Powell:

As you may know, for over a year I have sought answers from the Department of Justice, the FBI, the CIA, and the Department of Defense regarding reported and, in some instances, documented cases of the abuse of prisoners in U.S. custody.

I am concerned that, contrary to the statements of some Administration officials, the photographs and reports that have recently emerged of prisoner abuse in Iraq depict an interrogation and detention system operating contrary to U.S. law and the Geneva Conventions. Such acts are not limited to Iraq; detainees have died in custody in Afghanistan, abuse has been alleged at the prison at Guantanamo Bay, and the press has reported that terrorism suspects are being held and interrogated in a number of secret locations around the world.

In order that all Members of Congress have timely, detailed, and accurate information about the role of the Administration in developing these policies and practices, I ask that you provide any and all Department of State documents produced after September 11, 2001, relating to the treatment or interrogation of prisoners of war, enemy combatants, and/or other detainees held in connection with the war in Afghanistan, the war in Iraq, or the conflict with al Qaeda, including memoranda prepared by you or the Department of State Legal Advisor in response to memoranda circulated by other executive agencies, including the Department of Justice.

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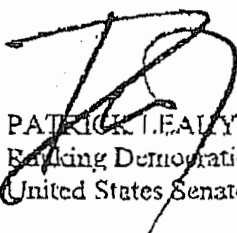
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Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



PATRICK J. LEAHY  
Serving Democratic Member  
United States Senator

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