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We would very much appreciate if this letter could be delivered to Director Tenet. A hard copy will also be mailed. Thank you very much.

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George Tenet
Director of Central Intelligence
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Dear Mr. Tenet,

We are writing to you to make an inquiry concerning Central Intelligence Agency operations in Afghanistan.

We would like to make a formal request to visit the detention facility maintained by the CIA located at the Bagram airbase in Afghanistan and all other detention facilities in Afghanistan in which the CIA is holding Afghan and non-Afghan detainees. We have a number of concerns about the methods and practices used in these facilities, and the fact that some detainees in these facilities are being held under no legal authorization, and may not be combatants. (We have written a similar letter to Secretary Rumsfeld.) To address these concerns, we would like to visit these facilities and interview detainees.

We would be glad to discuss with your staff whether an arrangement regarding this request is possible. We can discuss with your staff in more detail the logistics of how a visit to sites in Afghanistan could be arranged, and under what circumstances. We are of course willing to share our concerns and findings with you or your staff.

We hope that you will respond to these requests. We believe that the secretiveness of the United States in maintaining these facilities puts at risk the human rights of detainees in those facilities (especially persons whose detention is unauthorized by law, such as civilians) and engenders negative perceptions of the United States in Afghanistan and worldwide.

My contact information is as follows: telephone: (212) 216-1228, e-mail: adamsb@hrw.org

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Brad Adams
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