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Dear Mr. Adams:

Thank you for your letter of 15 October to Director Tenet regarding detainees apprehended in the wake of the terrorist attacks on the United States of 11 September 2001. I understand that you have sent a similar letter to Secretary Rumsfeld.

As you know, the Director of Central Intelligence is required by law to protect intelligence sources and methods, 50 U.S.C. §403-3(c)(7), and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) does not comment on operational activities or practices. I can assure you, however, that in its various activities around the world the CIA remains subject to the requirements of US law. Pursuant to Executive Order 12333, credible allegations of unlawful behavior are reported by the CIA to the Department of Justice, and may be investigated both by that Department and by the Agency's Presidentially appointed, Senate confirmed Inspector General. The Agency also provides the Congressional intelligence oversight committees with comprehensive briefings and materials about its various activities, as provided by 50 U.S.C. §§413a, 413b(b).

Sincerely,

Scott W. Muller

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