Dear Mr President,

I am writing to you about Amnesty International’s Memorandum to the US Government on the rights of detainees in US custody in Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay.

I condemn the atrocities of 11 September and believe that any one responsible must be brought to justice.

However this search of justice must be conducted in strict compliance with international human rights.

I am and international humanitarian I am.

I urge you to ensure that detainees held in US Custody in Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay are held according to US obligation, including in particular:

- that all detainees are immediately granted access to legal counsel,
- that all detainees are able to challenge the lawfulness of their detention in a court of law,
- that no detainee be brought for trial before a military commission, as proposed in the Military Order of 13 November 2001, on the grounds that such trial threatens fundamental standards of justice,
- that the death penalty is not sought against any of the people taken into custody in or outside the USA, including those currently held in Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay,
- that no detainee is sent to a country where he may be at risk of serious human rights abuses.

Yours sincerely,

FRANCIS DEMOY

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: FRANK E SCHMELZER
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UNCLASSIFIED
To Mr George BUSH
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Objet : Rights of detainees in US custody in Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay

Dear Mr President,


I condemn the atrocities of 11 September and believe that anyone responsible must be brought to justice. However, this search of justice must be conducted in strict compliance with international humanitarian law.

I urge you to ensure that detainees held in US custody in Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay are held according to US obligations under international human rights law and standards, including in particular:

- That all detainees are immediately granted access to legal counsel,
- That all detainees are able to challenge the lawfulness of their detention in a court of law,
- That no detainee be brought for trial before a military commission, as proposed in the Military Order of 13 November 2001, on the grounds that such trial threatens fundamental standards of justice,
- That the death penalty is not sought against any of the people taken into custody in or outside the USA, including those currently held in Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay,
- That no detainee is sent to a country where he may be at risk of serious human rights abuses.

E. DELORME

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: FRANK E SCHMELZER
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Objet : Droits des personnes détenues en Afghanistan
et dans la base de Guantanamo par les Etats Unis

Monsieur le Secrétaire d'Etat,

Je vous prie de trouver ci joint la copie des lettres adressées au Président Georges Bush et au
secrétaire d'Etat à la Défense Donald Rumsfeld, concernant les droits des personnes détenues
en Afghanistan et dans la base de Guantanamo par les Etats Unis.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Secrétaire d'Etat, l'expression de mes sentiments
respectueux.

E. DELORME

PJ : copie des lettres adressées à Georges Bush et Donald Rumsfeld
Dear Secretary of State,

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter which I sent to President Georges Bush and to the Secretary of Defence Donald Rumsfeld concerning Amnesty International's concerns regarding post September 11 detentions in US custody in Afghanistan and Guantánamo Bay.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

The Honorable Colin Powell
Secretary of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington DC 200520
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the 7th of June 02
Dear Mr President,


I condemn the atrocities of 11 September and believe that anyone responsible must be brought to justice.

However, this search of justice must be conducted in strict compliance with international human rights law and international humanitarian law.

I urge you to ensure that detainees held in US custody in Afghanistan and Guantánamo Bay are held according to US obligations under international human rights law and standards, including in particular:

- that all detainees are immediately granted access to legal counsel,
- that all detainees are able to challenge the lawfulness of their detention in a court of law,
- that no detainee be brought for trial before a military commission, as proposed in the Military Order of 13 November 2001, on the grounds that such trial threatens fundamental standards of justice,
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- that no detainee is sent to a country where he may be at risk of serious human rights abuses.

Yours sincerely,

Mile Florence RINALDI

UNCLASIFIED
President George W Bush,
The White House, Office of the President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington DC 20500, USA

Dear Mr President,

I’m a member of Amnesty International, a worldwide voluntary organization which seeks to promote the observance of international human rights standards.

I want to express concern about reports that detainees at Bagram are being subjected to torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment and I urge You to carry out a full, independent investigation into the allegations.

I urge You to ensure that all prisoners at Bagram have access to representatives from the ICRC.

I want to express concern about the high number of suicide attempts among detainees in the Camp Delta detention facility at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba and I urge You to carry out a full, independent investigation.

I want to express concern about the transfer of Bisher Al-Rawi and Jamil Al-Banna from Gambia to Bagram in January this year without being granted access to legal counsel, family members or the courts and despite the fact that a habeas corpus petition was pending in the courts, I ask for clarification as to the reasons for their transfer.

I urge You to carry out a full investigation into the alleged intimidation of Bisher Al-Rawi and Jamil Al-Banna by US agents during interrogation at Banjul.

Your sincerely,

Andrea Ferraro
Dear Mr President,

I would like to express my deep concern about the "Military Order on the Detention, Treatment, and Trial of Certain Non-Citizens in the War against Terrorism", signed on 13th November 2001. It violates a lot of international standards and therefore I ask for this military order to be lifted.

Moreover I would like to express my concern that this military order shall come into action in the case of six persons, among them Feroz Ali Abbas, a British citizen, Moazzam Begg, a British and Pakistani citizen, and David Hicks, an Australian citizen.

I ask that the trials against the prisoners do not take place in front of military commissions because these will not correspond to international standards for a fair trial.

Furthermore I ask for the six prisoners to be released unless they are accused without delay of a recognizable criminal offence and are put on trial according to international standards for a fair trial.

I would be very pleased to be informed about your measures taken in this case.

Yours sincerely,

Tabea Hauck

Copies to: The Honorable Colin Powell, Office of the Secretary of State, N. W. Washington D.C.
- His Excellency Daniel Costa, Embassy of the United States of America, Berlin, Germany
Dear Secretary of State,

Herewith I send you a copy of the letter I wrote to George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, to Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defence, to the Rt Hon Jack Straw, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs in Great Britain and to the Hon. John Howard, Prime Minister in Australia.

Yours sincerely,

Tabea Hauck