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Please find attached a letter of today's date from the Acting High Commissioner to Assistant Secretary Lorne Craner. I would be most grateful if your office could pass this letter on to the addressee.

Kevin -

As we discussed.

Please call if you
have any questions
or concerns.

Best,

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Dear Assistant Secretary Craner,

I write in reference to the reported release by the United States, on 29 January 2004, of three juvenile detainees from the naval facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. I very much welcome this decision by the United States.

Reports indicate that there are more juvenile detainees being held at Guantanamo. I would very much appreciate any further information your Government could provide, including the ages and nationalities of any juveniles still being held, and of measures being taken to provide them with appropriate care and treatment. In this respect, I note and welcome the information your Government has already provided, including the statement by the Department of Defense (news release of 29 January) that "every effort was made to provide the juvenile detainees a secure environment free from the influences of the older detainees, as well as providing for their special physical and emotional care". I would also be very grateful for information on the prospects for release of other minors, and the process by which these decisions are made.

In addition, and as reported on the website of the United States Department of Defense, I understand there are fears that the three released juveniles, upon return to their home country (reported in the media as being Afghanistan), may be at risk of some form of reprisal from al Qaida, the Taliban, or their sympathizers. It further appears that the media have been able to identify a number of these juveniles. Thus, I would be very grateful for any information you could provide with respect to measures that have been taken to ensure the safety and well-being of these three young persons upon their return to their homes.

I appreciate your consideration of this request, and look forward to hearing from you.

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