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THE DIRECTOR
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

4 January 2007

The Honorable Carl Levin
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-2202

Dear Senator Levin:

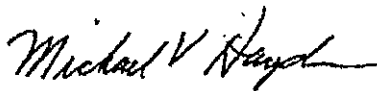
Thank you for your letter of December 14, 2006 regarding the detention of high value terrorists. As you know, on September 6, 2006, all 14 of the high value terrorists held by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) were transferred to custody of the Department of Defense at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. I was pleased to brief you and the other members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in advance of the President's public announcement regarding the transfer because it served as an excellent opportunity to discuss a wide range of issues related to these detainees, including their previous conditions of confinement and the critically important intelligence information obtained from them.

As you are also aware, on November 16, 2006, consistent with my obligations under the National Security Act, I provided a comprehensive briefing to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence regarding detainees and also briefed the House Permanent Select Committee for Intelligence and House and Senate leadership as well. I hope you would agree that the questions posed in your letter, as well as many other issues, have been fully briefed to the members of both Committees. During these briefings, I made it clear that the CIA's detention program had been, and would continue to be, in full compliance with the Constitution, U.S. law, and U.S. obligations under international treaties. I also committed to provide additional briefings to the Committees on these issues when the need arises. That commitment remains true today.

The Honorable Carl Levin

Again, thank you for your letter. I look forward to speaking to you and the other members of the Intelligence Oversight Committees on these issues in the future.

Sincerely,



Michael V. Hayden
General, USAF

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The Honorable Carl Levin

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