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Dear Assistant Secretary Kelly,


I am forwarding to you a copy of a letter from Dr. Michael Grodin concerning his request for an immediate investigation into the allegations of torture and other mistreatment of suspected Al-Qadea detainees.

It is the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications. I respectfully ask for your assistance in resolving the issues outlined in the attached correspondence.

Please convey a copy of your response to the issues raised in Dr. Grodin's letter to Meaghan F. Hohl of my Boston office.

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,


John F. Kerry
United States Senator

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Senator John Kerry
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Dear Senator John Kerry,

The Boston Center for Refugee Health and Human Rights provides comprehensive health care for refugees and survivors of torture and related trauma. Moreover, we advocate for the promotion of health and human rights in the United States and worldwide. The purpose of torture is to deliberately destroy not only the physical and emotional well-being of individuals, but also the dignity and will of entire communities. In our work with survivors of torture, we are daily confronted with the destructive effects of torture on human beings.

At The Boston Center for Refugee Health and Human Rights we are deeply concerned by allegations of torture and other mistreatment of suspected Al-Qaeda detainees by US officials as described in the Washington Post on Dec.26.2002. The allegations imply that US officials are using methods of torture such as "endurance and stress" techniques to interrogate prisoners of war in Afghanistan. These techniques include "standing or kneeling for hours", and "being held in awkward positions". Such acts, if true, violate international legal prohibitions against torture and other ill treatment under treaties that the United States has ratified. These treaties include the 1949 Geneva Conventions and the Convention against Torture.

As the Senator of Massachusetts where the Boston Center for Refugee Health and Human Rights is situated we ask you to call for an immediate investigation of these allegations. If they are true, the responsible US officials should be persecuted under international law.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Grodin, M.D.
Professor of Health Law, Bioethics and Human Rights, Boston University.
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