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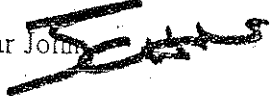
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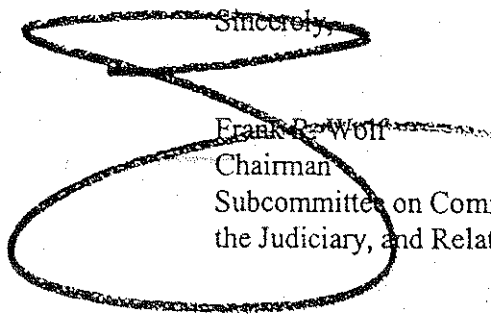
Dear John 

I know that you share my distress about reports of prisoner abuse by military personnel and others in Iraq. I want to ensure that detainees in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, are not being treated in a similar manner. We must accept nothing less than the most appropriate, decent, ethical and moral treatment of these prisoners.

I ask that you send a team to Guantanamo Bay to quickly and thoroughly assess the situation to ensure compliance with the highest standards of humane treatment.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,


 Frank R. Wolf
 Chairman
 Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State,
 the Judiciary, and Related Agencies

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT