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By Fax and U.S. Mail

The Honorable George J. Tenet
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Dear Mr. Tenet:

I write to invite you to appear before the Committee on the Judiciary at our May 6 hearing scheduled to explore issues regarding the nature and scope of Presidential power in time of war and the current Administration's approach to these questions under U.S. and international law. Among the subjects likely to be explored at the hearing are United States policies regarding interrogation of persons in the custody of the nation's intelligence services and the interaction between Department of Justice legal advisors and executive branch decision makers, issues on which you appear to have played an important role during your government service.¹ Given your personal knowledge of key historical facts, as well as your professional expertise, your testimony would be invaluable to the Committee on these subjects.

In consideration of the abiding interest of all Americans in these matters, and the unique information and perspective that you bring to the issues, I hope you will agree to testify without need for compulsory process. Given that you have authored a book on these subjects and spoken about them to the media, such as your discussion of the interrogation of Khalid Sheikh Mohammad with Sixty Minutes, it would seem especially appropriate for you to also present your views and information to an investigating Committee of Congress.² If the date of May 6

¹Greenburg, Rosenberg, and de Vogue, *Sources: Top Bush Advisors Approved 'Enhanced Interrogation'*, ABC News, Apr. 9, 2008.

²Tenet, *At the Center of the Storm: My Years at the CIA* (2007); *Interview with George Tenet*, CBS News Sixty Minutes, Apr. 29, 2007; available at www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/04/25/60minutes/main2728375.shtml.

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poses a particular scheduling problem, please contact my staff as described below and we will be happy to discuss reasonable alternatives.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this invitation. So that we may plan accordingly, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-3951 as soon as possible and no later than the close of business on Monday, April 21, 2008, to discuss the details of your appearance. Any further responses and questions should similarly be directed to the Judiciary Committee office, 2138 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 (tel: 202-225-3951, fax: 202-225-7680).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Conyers, Jr." in a cursive style.

John Conyers, Jr.
Chairman

cc: Hon. Lamar S. Smith
Hon. Jerrold Nadler
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