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John E. McLaughlin
Acting Director of Central Intelligence
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Dear John:

This letter will confirm my advice that, in the contemplated interrogation of [REDACTED] the use of the following interrogation techniques outside territory subject to United States jurisdiction would not violate the United States Constitution or any statute or treaty obligation of the United States, including Article 16 of the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted Dec. 10, 1984, S. Treaty Doc. No. 100-20 (1988) (entered into force June 26, 1987): the nine techniques (other than the waterboard) described in the Memorandum for John A. Rizzo, Acting General Counsel, Central Intelligence Agency, from Jay S. Bybee, Assistant Attorney General, *Re: Interrogation of al Qaeda Operative* (Aug. 1, 2002), subject to the assumptions and limitations stated there.

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Sincerely,

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Attorney General

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