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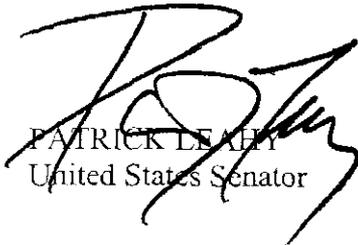
The Honorable Alberto R. Gonzales
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Judge Gonzales:

I am writing to request a copy of the January 2002 memorandum you reportedly sent to the President regarding the application of the Geneva Conventions to “enemy prisoners” in the war against terrorism. Your memo reportedly stated, among other policy assertions, that, “this new paradigm renders obsolete Geneva’s strict limitations on questioning of enemy prisoners.”

In light of recent revelations regarding the treatment of prisoners in U.S. custody—including at Guantanamo Bay, in Iraq, and in other undisclosed locations throughout the world—I believe that members of Congress are entitled to view documents that pertain to the policies regarding the treatment and interrogation of detainees. This memo has been in the hands of the press for over two years. I ask that you immediately provide this document to me and other members of Congress.

Sincerely,



PATRICK LEAHY
United States Senator