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*Dear Foreign Secretary*

**RE: TORTURE**

Liberty and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) are extremely concerned by suggestions that the US authorities imprisoned and interrogated one or more terrorist suspects on Britain's Diego Garcia. Sadly, previous failures by the US to inform us about the use of Diego Garcia for extraordinary rendition flights, taking suspects to countries which practise torture, may be only part of the picture.

As the leading domestic human rights organisations in the UK and USA, Liberty and the ACLU fear that these allegations undermine our countries' international reputations. We believe in fundamental rights and freedoms – shared values that protect every member of the human family and the society we seek to build together.

Today we call for an official inquiry, with sufficient investigative powers, into the use of UK territory for alleged "torture flights" and interrogations to restore public trust in the UK's commitment to human rights. We pledge to campaign for a new relationship between our two great democracies founded on common values rather than complicity in torture.

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