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Her Excellency Dr Condoleezza Rice  
State Department  
WASHINGTON DC

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*From the Foreign Secretary*

*Dear Secretary,*

As the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, I am writing to you on behalf of the European Union following media reports suggesting violations of international law in the alleged US detention or transportation of terrorist suspects in or through EU member states. This matter was discussed by EU Foreign Ministers at the meeting of the General Affairs and External Relations Council on 21 November.

The reports have attracted considerable parliamentary and public attention. The EU would therefore be grateful for clarification the US can give about these reports in the hope that this will allay parliamentary and public concerns.

I am sharing a copy of this letter with my European colleagues.

*Yours sincerely,*  
*Jack Straw*  
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