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**Re: European Parliament – Temporary Committee’s Working Document
No. 8**

Dear President Pöttering:

On June 14, 2007, I wrote Mr. Giovanni Claudio Fava concerning false assertions in Working Document No. 8, authored by the Temporary Committee that Mr. Fava chairs. Working Document No. 8 falsely reports that Blackwater and its sister companies have been involved in “extraordinary rendition” flights of suspected terrorists. That false statement has been re-published in the media, as discussed in my June 14, 2007 letter, and in subsequent news articles. *See* articles in The Malta Independent, dated June 18, 2007 and October 16, 2007. Yet Working Document No. 8 contains no basis for its false conclusions concerning Blackwater.

Working Document No. 8 first erroneously identifies Aviation Worldwide Services and Presidential Airways as subsidiaries and “shell companies” of Blackwater USA. Table 5 of the Working Document then identifies five aircraft owned by Blackwater’s sister companies, Aviation Worldwide Services and Presidential Airways, (bearing registration numbers N964BW, N965BW and N966BW, N967BW and N968BW) as having been used by the CIA for “Extraordinary Rendition Flights.” The document then proceeds for 55 pages to detail the grounds for the Reporter’s false conclusion that Blackwater has been involved in “extraordinary renditions,” *and never mentions Blackwater, its sister companies or any of the five planes.*

In short, the Working Document falsely asserts that Blackwater has been involved in “extraordinary renditions,” and then proceeds to contradict itself by failing to

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document any basis for such a conclusion. That false conclusion now has been published in the popular press, citing the European Parliament as its source.

The European Parliament's Temporary Committee, as an arm of representative government, has a duty to state what it knows and to document its findings. That duty is particularly profound because the Working Document is a publication by a governmental committee, and thus bears the imprimatur of impartiality and truth. Working Document No. 8, as it applies to Blackwater, fails to meet that governmental duty of impartiality and candor to the public.

Because the Working Document is just that -- a "working document" -- Blackwater has asked Mr. Fava to re-examine the document's factual assertions regarding Blackwater and to correct the Working Document's obvious mistakes so that others will not re-publish the false statements contained in Working Document No. 8. Four months have now past and neither Mr. Fava nor anyone else on behalf of the European Parliament has even deigned to respond to my request.

Blackwater thus now asks for your intercession to ensure that the false statements at issue are not further perpetuated. I look forward to your prompt response.

Very truly yours,

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