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**Minister of State for
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Dear George,

Thank you for your letter of 26 June to the Prime Minister on behalf of a number of your constituents, about extraordinary rendition. I am replying as Minister responsible for our relations with the United States.

The Prime Minister's Written Ministerial Statement of 28 June welcomed publication of the Intelligence and Security Committee's (ISC) reports into detainee mistreatment and rendition issues, and said that the Government will consider them in full and respond formally in due course.

I responded to an urgent Parliamentary Question on 2 July from the Rt. Hon. Kenneth Clarke MP (Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Extraordinary Rendition) and said that the Government will give careful consideration to the calls for another judge-led inquiry as part of that process.

In the meantime, Sir Adrian Fulford, the Investigatory Powers Commissioner, has accepted the Government's invitation to him to make proposals on how the Consolidated Guidance could be improved further, taking account of the ISC's views and those of civil society.

The Government will update Parliament in due course.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan'.

RT HON SIR ALAN DUNCAN MP