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The Honorable Senator Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
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Dear Senator,

You recently met a cross-party delegation of British parliamentarians seeking the release of Shaker Aamer from Guantanamo Bay. Thank you for making the time to do so.

The Members of Parliament are providing to you direct details of the motion of the UK Parliament in support of the release of Shaker Aamer. I should mention that the Government joined the House in supporting the motion and calling for Mr Aamer's release. Tobias Ellwood, Parliamentary Undersecretary at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, concluded the debate on behalf of the British Government saying:

"I hope that I have made it clear that the UK Government are absolutely committed to securing the release of Mr Aamer. Today I would like to underline that commitment and join with the House in calling for the US Government to approve the release of Shaker Aamer to the UK."

The British Government is fully aware of the concerns in Washington about recidivism and the possible risks that former Guantanamo Bay detainees could pose to US interests and citizens.

The British police and Security Service have established procedures to identify any re-engagement in terrorist activity at an early stage. They have a range of investigative options based on the nature and extent of the threat they judge any individual to pose. We remain confident in the ability of our police and the Security Service to deal with any such threats.

I hope this reassures you that we take these concerns seriously, as we continue to engage with the Administration to find a resolution to this case.

Yours sincerely,

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