



Folketingets Forsvarsudvalg
Christiansborg

24 MAJ 2006

I forbindelse med min besvarelse den 17. maj 2006 af § 20 spørgsmål S 4337 og S 4339 omtalte jeg, at jeg har været konfronteret med beskyldninger om, at 31 personer – tilbageholdt af danske styrker i Afghanistan i marts 2002 – angiveligt skulle have været udsat for mishandlinger eller – for nogles vedkommende – overført til Guantanamo. Jeg har tidligere orienteret forsvarsudvalget om denne operation ved mit brev af 19. januar 2006, hvori jeg nævner, at Forsvarskommandoen har oplyst, at de 31 personer blev frigivet dagen efter tilbageholdelsen. I dette brev omtaler jeg også en anden operation i februar 2002, hvor danske soldater tilbageholdte tre andre personer.

I forlængelse af denne orientering vedlægger jeg hermed et brev af 17. maj 2006 fra Pentagon.

Med venlig hilsen

Søren Gade

/Peter Christian Alexa



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Mr. Kristian Fischer
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Dear Mr. Fischer:

In response to your recent query, CENTCOM was able to identify detainees who appear to be a match for the number of individuals detained on the dates indicated in the Danish request for information; however, our records do not indicate which forces detained them.

We can confirm that these detainees were released within 48-72 hours of the time they were received in U.S. control. We have no information of any allegations of mistreatment of these detainees. Also, none of them were transferred out of the country in which they were captured.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Flory", written over a large, light-colored circular stamp or mark.

Peter C. W. Flory

