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Mr. Scott W. Muller  
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Dear Scott:

I am writing to follow up on your discussion last Friday with the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General concerning the use of interrogation techniques on a certain high-value detainee.

The Deputy Attorney General asked me to emphasize to you that approval of the nine techniques described in the Memorandum for John Rizzo, Acting General Counsel, Central Intelligence Agency, from Jay S. Bybee, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, *Re: Interrogation of al Qaeda Operative* (Aug. 1, 2002), presupposes that the techniques will adhere closely to the assumptions and limitations stated in that memorandum.

The Deputy Attorney General also asked me to emphasize that approval of the twenty-four interrogation techniques in the Secretary of Defense's April 15, 2003, memorandum was conditioned on the set of "General Safeguards" set out as an attachment to that memorandum, and on the cross-referenced descriptions of seventeen of the twenty-four techniques set forth in *Army Field Manual 34-54: Intelligence Interrogation* (1992). Please ensure that your use of these techniques follows the "General Safeguards" and the descriptions and conditions set forth in the Field Manual.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Attorney General

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