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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about torture. From 2002 to 2006 the CIA ran torture chambers. In 2012 the Senate Intelligence committee produced a report and in 2014 released a summary finding a CIA cover up which included lying to internal investigators, the media, Congress, the Justice Department and the White House. It also found the use of brutal, coercive and illegal methods of torture largely outsourced to Messrs. Mitchell and Jessen which besides their repugnance got no information while hurting US security at the time and standing ever since. This month the recipient of an 80 million dollar CIA torture contract testified at Guantanamo Bay about the barbarism of his waterboarding of Mr Zubaydah and his threats to kill the man's young sons. President Bush backed it. President Obama ignored it. Now is time for the country to reconcile with this disgraceful past.

Please assure me that you will prosecute Mr Mitchell for torture.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our respect for human rights.

Sincerely, Eric Babson