

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr.
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Pentagon, Room 2D920
Washington, D.C. 20318-9999

Dear General Dunford:

We write today concerning the administration's recent release of Shaker Aamer from the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay. Upon reviewing the notification of transfer, we noticed that the Joint Chiefs of Staff was not one of the entities listed as "concurring" and "approving" of the transfer, as is the norm. While we appreciate that the notice of transfer was sent before you assumed the Chairmanship, we respectfully ask that you provide, in writing, answers to the following questions to the Senate and House Armed Services, Intelligence, Foreign Relations, Homeland Security, and Appropriations Committees.

- 1) What were the key factors that led the Joint Chiefs to not to concur on the decision to transfer Shaker Aamer?
- 2) Did the Secretary of Defense notify your office that it would continue with the transfer despite your office's non-concurrence?
- 3) Is it your understanding that the Secretary will seek your concurrence and approval on your future transfers?

Thank you for your timely attention to these important matters of national security.

Sincerely,



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