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Dear Ms. Gallagher,

I have the honour to inform you that your complaint dated 14 November 2012, which you submitted to the Committee against Torture, for consideration under article 22 of the Convention against Torture, on behalf of Mr. Hassan Bin Attash et al has been registered as complaint No. 536/2013. You are kindly requested to refer to this registration number in any further correspondence.

Pursuant to Rule 115, a copy of the complaint has been sent to the State party, with the request that any information or observations concerning the admissibility and the merits should reach the Committee within six months. If the State party wishes to challenge the admissibility of the complaint, it is invited to provide, within two months, written information and observations in that respect.

Any reply received from the State party will be communicated to you in due course to enable you to comment thereon, if you so wish.

Please be aware that final decisions adopted by the Committee against Torture are made public. Therefore, if you wish for the identities of the complainants not to be disclosed in the final decision, you are kindly requested to so indicate as soon as possible. Kindly note that, due to the level of publicity the Committee's decisions usually receive (including dissemination via Internet, which thus makes the correction and/or deletion of data circulating online virtually impossible), it may not be possible to satisfy requests for anonymity submitted after the publication of the Committee's decision. The Committee shall not be responsible to the alleged victim in any manner for any inconvenience, arising out of alleged victim's failure to notify the Committee in a timely manner about his decision not to have his name disclosed to the public at large.

Yours singerely,

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