To: Mr Maurice Manning, Chairperson, Irish Human Rights Commission 4th Floor, Jervis House, Jervis Street Dublin 1

> Mr Gerry Finn, Assistant Caseworker, Irish Human Rights Commission

From: Edward Horgan

 Re: Requests for investigation of Rendition for Torture and other matters at Shannon airport and: Requests for enquiries under section 9(1)(b) of the Human Rights Commission Act, 2000.

Date: 6 April 2006

Your Ref: 06-008/ENQ

Dear Sirs, I refer to your letter dated 31 March 2006

By way of response I will in time send you a full copy of my submission to the European Parliament Committee TDIP that I will be presenting in Brussels on 20 April 2006.

With regard to your request to "identify the name(s) and nationality of any person(s) who was subsequently subjected to torture or otherwise ill-treated in another jurisdiction after having transited through the territory of this state (please provide a copy of any evidential documentation in this regard)", I have the following interim response:

So far this information is only available from the Government of the United States, so you should address this query as a matter of urgency to the of the Ambassador of the United States, US Embassy, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

I expect that some of the names of these prisoners will become available when a small number of them are released following their torture and lengthy periods of imprisonment, and some of the names will become public knowledge as a result of leaked information from CIA sources in the US, but this will take some considerable time.

In the meantime, I wish to remind you that very many of these un-named and unacknowledged prisoners are and will continue to be tortured in the various secret prisons in which they are being unlawfully held, and unlawfully tortured.

I wish to inform you also that CIA covert aircraft are still transiting through Shannon airport on a regular basis, as outlined in my submission to the EU Parliamentary Committee TDIP.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Horgan