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OF SWEDEN  
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

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tous les BRU de la  
Commission TOIP*

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*The Ambassador*

Mr Carlos Coelho  
Member of the European Parliament  
Committee Chairman  
Rue Wiertz  
B-1047 Brussels

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Thank you for your letter of 22 February 2006 regarding the alleged use of European countries by the CIA for transportation and illegal detention of prisoners.


In a decision of 17 November 2005, the Swedish Government instructed the LFV Group (Swedish Airports and Air Navigation Services) and the Swedish Civil Aviation Authority to investigate the exact circumstances of flights made by aircrafts registered in the United States of America to and from Swedish airports between 1 January 2002 and 17 November 2005. The results of the investigations have been presented in two reports and included over 19 000 flights, both arrivals and departures. According to the reports it cannot be concluded that any of these flights have been commissioned by the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States of America.

Sweden has also, like other member states, cooperated with the Council of Europe and responded to the letter with questions from the Secretary General in accordance with article 52 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Furthermore, a Swedish member of the temporary committee recently visited the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and received information on this issue. The Swedish Government is naturally prepared to provide the temporary committee of the European Parliament with any additional information, if you should so require.

I have forwarded your letter to the Swedish Parliament with your invitation for cooperation on this subject.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sven-Olof Petersson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sven-Olof Petersson