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Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to inform you that, following the articles in the press regarding the so-called CIA detention centres in various countries, a committee of inquiry, led by Senator Norica Nicolai, has been set up by the Romanian Senate to investigate these allegations in relation to Romania.

While reconfirming once again that there were not such activities in Romania, I would like to reiterate our commitment to deal with this issue in full transparency. This is why we have agreed to make available the information held by the Torrejon satellite centre to the Council of Europe's investigation commission and we are open to anyone interested to visit Romania on this issue. In the same spirit of transparency, knowing the interest of the European Parliament in the matter and its intention to set up a temporary committee to investigate the allegations, I would like to express our interest in establishing a close cooperation between the inquiry committee of the Senate and the European Parliament.

Let me finally reiterate Romania's unabated commitment to fundamental human rights and our absolute rejection of the use of torture in any form and in any kind of investigations.

Wishing you the very best for 2006, please accept, Dear Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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