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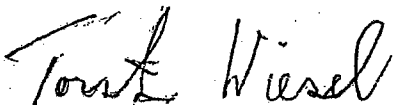
The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President,

It is a great honor for me to accept the National Medal of Science, the highest award a scientist can receive from the President of the United States of America and I am deeply appreciative. However, as former Chair of the Committee of Human Rights at the National Academies of Sciences, Institute of Medicine and National Academy of Engineering (1994-2004), I must express my deep and sincere concern about your administration's policy of not giving full recognition of the Geneva Convention and not promptly resolving the situation at Guantanamo Bay. My hope is that you will use the power of your office to restore the image of the United States as the beacon of freedom and human rights in this troubled world.

As a senior member of the scientific community and inspired by the courageous act of some of the Presidential Scholars of 2007, who have expressed similar concerns, I cannot be silent on these critical issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Torsten Wiesel".

Torsten Wiesel, FRS

President Emeritus of the Rockefeller University
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