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Former US President Jimmy Carter, 10 October 2007

“No word is more poisonous to the reputation of the United States than Guantánamo. Fundamental justice requires a fair legal process before the U.S. government detains people for significant periods of time, and the president and Congress have not provided one. Guantánamo Bay should be closed now.”

Thomas H Kean and Lee H Hamilton, Former Chair and Vice Chair of the 9/11 Commission, writing in the *Washington Post*, 9 September 2007

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“Guantánamo has become a major, major problem... in the way the world perceives America and if it were up to me I would close Guantánamo not tomorrow but this afternoon... Essentially, we have shaken the belief that the world had in America’s justice system by keeping a place like Guantánamo open and creating things like the military commission. We don’t need it, and it’s causing us far more damage than any good we get for it.”

Former US Secretary of State Colin Powell, 10 July 2007

“Guantánamo Bay has become a liability in the broader global war on terror, as allegations of torture, the indefinite detention of innocent men, and international objections to the treatment of enemy combatants has hurt our credibility as the beacon for freedom and justice. Its continued operation also threatens the safety of US citizens and military personnel detained abroad.”

Letter to President Bush from 145 members of the US House of Representatives, 29 June 2007

“I think Robert Jackson, who’s the architect of Nuremberg, would turn over in his grave if he knew what was going on at Guantánamo... To torture people and then you can bring evidence you obtained into court? Hearsay evidence is allowed? Some evidence is available to the prosecution and not to the defendants? This is a type of ‘justice’ that Jackson didn’t dream of.”

Nuremberg prosecutor Henry King Jr., 11 June 2007

“I think that Guantánamo has become symbolic, whether we like it or not, for many around the world. The president has said he'd like to close the detainee facility there. I'd like to close the facility there.”

US Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, 7 March 2007

“The current situation of the detainees cannot continue and the Americans have to put an end to it. They must either give them a fair trial and abide by the court verdict or send them home.”

Bahrain’s Consultative Council (Majlis al-Shura), March 2007

“We join Amnesty International, on the fifth anniversary of the US-run detention centre, in asking Mr Harper to press Washington to take the following minimal steps toward closing Guantánamo...”

Six former Canadian Foreign Ministers, 11 January 2007

“Like my predecessor, I believe that the prison at Guantánamo should be closed. I also remember that President Bush himself has said that he would like to close it.”

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, 11 January 2007

“Russia, hopefully, will not have a Guantánamo. The world community is marking five years since this camp was formed, where people are held without trial or investigation. It is a lamentable situation.”

Russian President Vladimir Putin, 11 January 2007

“I am not embarrassed to repeat here my views on Guantánamo Bay which are well known; that it is unacceptable and that it is time that it should be closed; that it has become a symbol of injustice, a recruiting agent for terrorists. It is a symbol which the long American tradition of justice and liberty deserves to see removed at the earliest moment.”

Lord Goldsmith, UK Attorney General, 16 September 2006

“Of course we support this [the closure of Guantánamo] and hopefully all the Saudis there will be returned to their homeland.”

Prince Nayef bin Abdul-Aziz, Saudi Arabia’s Interior Minister, 26 June 2006

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“A model like Guantánamo is an insult to countries that respect laws... It delegitimizes us. It is a place that needs to disappear immediately.”

Baltasar Garzón, Spanish investigative magistrate, 4 June 2006

“Every time I’ve met him [President Bush] I’ve told him that we think it is neither reasonable nor acceptable to detain people indefinitely without clarifying their situation.”

Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Danish Prime Minister, 2 May 2006

“It seems clear that in this prison man's dignity is not being respected at all. Everyone always has the right to an equitable and just judgement.”

Cardinal Renato Martino, Vatican's Minister for Justice and Peace, 3 March 2006

“I never imagined I would live to see the day when the United States and its satellites would use precisely the same arguments that the apartheid government used for detention without trial. It is disgraceful.”

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, 17 February 2006

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