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The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

I am concerned about the recent AC-130 attack on suspected terrorist targets in Somalia. Today's Washington Post cites an anonymous source stating "no one can confirm a high-value target." This apparent failure suggests that the intelligence behind this operation may have been lacking in some aspect, or worse, was manipulated to facilitate the attack. I do not raise these potential failures as conjecture, but rather as a logical conclusion given the similar intelligence failures and attacks that resulted in innocent civilian deaths in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

I insist that you provide Congress complete access to the decision making process that approved this failed attack. Congress should judge for itself the quality of the intelligence used to justify this attack. This is an opportunity for Congress to objectively review the effectiveness of recent intelligence reforms by analyzing what went wrong with this failed attack.

As you wage your Global War on Terror, Congress needs assurance that the intelligence to support this campaign supports the actions taken. Today's news does not provide me any comfort that this is the case.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Kucinich  
Member of Congress

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