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I write further to my letter of 12 March 2004 to you.

On Tuesday 30 March I received a call from a journalist at the Wall Street Journal. I cannot now recall the man's name. This journalist mentioned that he had seen a letter I had written which confirmed the fact that Mr Brisard's report had not been commissioned by me or the UN. The journalist was enquiring as to whether the letter was authentic and I confirmed to him that it was that Mr Brisard's report had indeed not been commissioned by me.

Within thirty minutes of that call, I received a telephone call direct from a person identified as Mr Brisard. This was the first time I had ever spoken with Mr Brisard. Mr Brisard suggested to me that I must have been mistaken in my suggestion that I did not commission his report for the UN. He asserted to me that it was commissioned by me through my assistant in the 1267 Committee of the Security Council, Mr Salazar. That is not the case and I made clear to Mr Brisard on the telephone that he was wrong and that I had not commissioned any report from him, either directly or through Mr Salazar.

In any event, after that call I spoke to Mr Salazar, who confirmed to me again that he did not ask Mr Brisard or anyone on his behalf to write any report on terrorism. He has also confirmed to me that, during the second half of 2002 he did receive telephone calls from Mr Brisard which he did not return. He also told me that he received an e-mail directly from Damien Peres, Mr Brisard's assistant, last year, in January 2003, which asked him to confirm that Mr Salazar had, on my behalf, commissioned a report from Mr Brisard. Mr Salazar tells me that he replied to Mr Peres's e-mail telling him firmly and clearly that he had commissioned no such report from Mr Brisard. Unfortunately, because Mr Salazar has recently changed his computer, he has not been able to locate this exchange of e-mails.

I am ready to provide any additional comment or information concerning this matter.

Cordially,


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