

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Charles E. Samuels, Jr.  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Prisons  
Department of Justice  
320 First St., NW  
Washington, DC 20534

Dear Director Samuels:

We write to express our dismay and outrage over measures taken by the Obama Administration to facilitate the artificial insemination of Cuban national Adriana Perez, wife of convicted Cuban spy Gerardo Hernandez.

On December 12, 2001, Hernandez was sentenced to two life terms in federal prison after being found guilty of 13 criminal counts, including conspiracy to commit espionage and conspiracy to commit murder. Specifically, Hernandez's actions, which he took under direct orders from the Castro regime, resulted in the deaths of three American citizens and one U.S. resident: Carlos Costa, Armando Alejandro, Mario de la Peña, and Pablo Morales, all of whom were members of the humanitarian group "Brothers to the Rescue." Intelligence provided by Hernandez enabled the Cuban regime to shoot down these individuals' planes over international waters.

Media reports indicate that the U.S. government went to great lengths to assist Mr. Hernandez, a convicted spy and murderer, in becoming a father. It is shameful that, in doing so, the Obama Administration overlooked the sad and grim reality that, because of Hernandez's actions, some of the Brothers to the Rescue victims were prevented from having families of their own. Hernandez's actions robbed three American families of their futures and the Department of Justice and the Administration rewarded his taking of life by proactively intervening to help him become a father. With that in mind, we request answers to the following questions:

1. What statute or regulation authorizes the U.S. government to facilitate an artificial insemination in this manner?
2. Please explain who submitted this request and who approved it.
3. Who incurred the costs for this medical procedure? How much did it cost? If the costs were borne by the U.S. government, from which account(s) was any or all of this process funded?
4. To where was the specimen sent and who delivered it?
5. Has this sort of arrangement happened before with other federal inmates or was this an exception? If it has happened before, what were the circumstances?

We request that you submit answers to these questions no later than February 27, 2015. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



BOB GOODLATTE  
Member of Congress  
Chairman, Judiciary Committee

Sincerely,



ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN  
Member of Congress  
Foreign Affairs Committee