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POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL ALBERTO GONZALES

Why won't you apologize to Canadian citizen Maher Arar for the grievous torture he suffered after the United States detained him and then transported him to Syria?

You were once an adjunct professor at University of Houston Law School. When you received the infamous August 1, 2002, "torture" memo from Jay Bybee and John Yoo, why didn't you give it a grade of "F" and send it back to them for rethinking and rewriting?

Do you ever reflect upon the fact that you might well be the Chief Justice of the United States today if the Administration had been successful in keeping the Bybee/Yoo "torture" memo addressed to you secret for a while longer?

The Convention Against Torture, to which the U.S. and most other nations are parties, establishes "universal jurisdiction" over the crime of torture. That made it possible for retired dictator Augusto Pinochet to be arrested in Europe for torture he ordered in Chile. After you leave office, do you expect to be doing much traveling outside the United States?

If another nation kidnapped someone in the United States and then transported the victim to be tortured in another country, would you think it improper for the United States to investigate the matter and seek to punish those who were responsible?

Have you read Stephen Grey's acclaimed book Ghost Plane, which describes the CIA's torture program in distressing detail? If so, what did you think of the book? If not, do you think it's a book that you should read?

Why were the career military officers, experienced JAG officers, and other experts in the law of armed conflict frozen out of the deliberative process that led to the Administration's decision to deny application of the Geneva Conventions to Taliban and al Qaeda prisoners, thus opening the path to harsh interrogation?

Do you believe that there is any possibility that the Administration's policies – such as those relating to Guantanamo, military commissions, extraordinary renditions, torture, and the Geneva Conventions – have done serious, long-term damage to our nation's efforts to promote the "rule of law" around the world?