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President George W. Bush
c/o The US Embassy
London

Dear Mr. President

I am sorry to say that I feel contaminated by your visit. The smell of death is too strong; whether we are talking about the execution of US criminals or the killing of combatants, or non-combatants (whether illegal or not) or civilians, I don't detect from your rhetoric, or from your policies, any real attempt to understand and appreciate the value and worth of individual human lives. I suspect "Bring 'em on" is much truer a comment on your approach to life than all the fine words written for you to deliver at London venues

And lest you feel that the only objection to your presence here is to do with your various military ventures, please understand that I have profound reservations about your attitude to Kyoto, the ICC, Guantanamo Bay, Patriot Act, press censorship, Middle East and the UN (by the way, how do you ever expect the UN to become a success if you constantly talk of "you" rather than "we"?)

Finally, who is ever going to take responsibility for the appalling, even criminal, failure of basic security that allowed some opportunistic fanatics to get away with the destruction of the World Trade Centre and the taking of all those lives?