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The Spanish government's representatives appreciated the support you gave them earlier this month, thanking and encouraging Spain to prosecute U.S. war criminals. A [report is here](#) on what we did. The Spanish media [spread the word](#).

Now comes a report from the [Center for Constitutional Rights](#) that suggests Spain may be listening:

February 25, 2011, New York – In response to news that the full panel of Judges of the Audencia Nacional (Spain's High Court) rejected a Spanish prosecutor's effort to stop an investigation into the role of US officials for torture on Guantanamo, the Center for Constitutional Rights, which has submitted many papers in this and a related case in Spain, released the following statement:

This is a monumental decision that will enable a Spanish judge to continue a case on the "authorized and systematic plan of torture and ill treatment" by U.S. officials at Guantanamo. Geoffrey Miller, the former commanding officer at Guantánamo, has already been implicated, and the case will surely move up the chain of command. Since the U.S. government has not only failed to investigate the illegal actions of its own officials and, according to diplomatic cables released by WikiLeaks, also sought to interfere in the Spanish judicial process and stop the case from proceeding, this will be the first real investigation of the U.S. torture program. This is a victory for accountability and a blow against impunity. The Center for Constitutional Rights applauds the Spanish courts for not bowing to political pressure and for undertaking what may be the most important investigation in decades. For more information and filings related to the Spanish cases, both the above torture case and the Bush 6 case looking into the role of the lawyers in the torture program, [visit the Spanish case page](#) on the Center for Constitutional Rights web site.

If you have not yet signed the letter to Spain or donated to this campaign, [please go here](#)

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