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**(LHaase): Re: fyi-rudy herald aug 4th**

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To: haase@newamerica.org

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In a message dated 8/24/2017 1:38:32 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, haase@newamerica.org writes:

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From: **Peggy Cameron** <p.cameron@ns.sympatico.ca>  
Date: Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 5:20 AM  
Subject: fyi-rudy herald aug 4th  
To: Leif Haase <haase@newamerica.org>

This letter was published in the Herald on August 4th. Such clarity. **Absolutely true.**  
Thanks for sending..

**Khadr was a victim**

You have published several letters from readers who consider Omar Khadr a terrorist and deplore the compensation he has received. I consider Omar Khadr a victim.

He was taken away from Canada by his parents. He was a happy boy and, according to interviews with his classmates, he hated having to leave. He was put into Afghanistan as a child soldier.

When he was captured by the U.S., the Canadian government did not demand he be returned to Canada. Canadian officials who went to Guantanamo did not help him, but assisted in his interrogation and did not try to prevent his torture. When the Obama administration wanted him sent to Canada, the Harper government did everything it could to keep him in the notorious prison. When finally returned to Canada, Khadr was put in solitary confinement.

The apology he received was certainly justified.

As for the financial compensation, the Trudeau government has probably saved taxpayers \$9.5 million because Khadr would have almost certainly won his \$20 million lawsuit. The Supreme Court has already ruled his Charter rights had been violated.

*Martin Rudy Haase, Chester*