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## **Next Attacker at Guantanamo?**

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I wasn't surprised by the report recommending the shutdown of the Guantanamo Bay prison ("Heed UN panel, close Guantanamo," Editorial, Feb. 17). Some UN Commission on Human Rights members, like Syria, Libya, Cuba and Sudan, are notorious for abusing human rights in their own countries, raising doubts about the report's impartiality.

I also question the findings that the 500 terrorists held there since 2001 are often tortured. That seems to be based on what lawyers for the detainees say.

Many people believe the U.S. government, particularly George W. Bush, is more dangerous than Osama bin Laden.

The UN report fuels this stereotyping. Many of them forget America paid dearly on Sept. 11, 2001. Some terrorist being held at Guantanamo without trial and without the benefit of Geneva Convention rules or any international laws might very well hold the key to preventing the next attack.

Fair-minded people have every reason to be concerned. If there's not sufficient evidence to keep the detainees in prison, they should be released.

But in the wake of 9/11 and of the Madrid, London and Bali bombings, and with constant looming threats, we have learned that these terrorists pose a danger to the Western world.

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