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Dear Ms. Kirkwood,

Thank you very much for your letter, dated June 20, 2017, and in reply to an earlier letter sent by Human Rights Watch.

While we appreciate your response, your letter was somewhat general and we were hoping to get some more specificity on how Thermo Fisher Scientific approached and monitors products sold to Chinese government entities.

We would welcome your responses to our questions and any other information you wish to provide.

1. Can you confirm and provide details about whether Thermo Fisher Scientific supplies sequencers to the Xinjiang Public Security Bureau?
2. Can you confirm and provide details about Thermo Fisher Scientific's business relationship with the Ministry of Public Security in China?
3. Can you provide details regarding what steps Thermo Fisher Scientific has taken to monitor the use of its equipment to ensure that it is not used inappropriately?
4. Can you provide details of any human rights policies and procedures Thermo Fisher Scientific may have and how they apply to operations, sales, or other business in China?

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5. Can you provide any details on conversations or discussions you have had with Chinese authorities about the ultimate use and purpose of Thermo Fisher Scientific's equipment?

In addition, we would like you to address the following additional questions:

6. Your letter said that Thermo Fisher Scientific expects its "customers to act in accordance with appropriate regulations and industry-standard best practices." Can you provide details about the best practices that were referenced and provide documentation about them?
7. Related to these best practices, does Thermo Fisher Scientific have procedures for when their customers do not follow these best practices?
8. Does Thermo Fisher Scientific have plans to review its sales to China because of concerns that Chinese authorities may be using Thermo Fisher's products to conduct mass surveillance and to engage in discriminatory social profiling?

In light of our publication schedule, we would welcome a response by September 4, 2017. Thank you for your assistance in these matters. If you wish to contact us, please find our information below.

Sincerely yours,



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