

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Abdullah Saleh Ali Al Ajmi, *et al.* )  
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 Petitioners, )  
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 v. ) Civil Action No. 02-CV-0828 (CKK)  
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 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *et al.* )  
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 Respondents. )  
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**DECLARATION OF JAMES R. CRISFIELD JR.**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Commander James R. Crisfield Jr., Judge Advocate General's Corps, United States Navy, hereby state that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the following is true, accurate and correct:

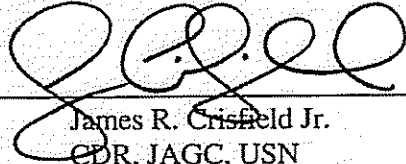
1. I am the Legal Advisor to the Combatant Status Review Tribunals. In that capacity I am the principal legal advisor to the Director, Combatant Status Review Tribunals, and provide advice to Tribunals on legal, evidentiary, procedural, and other matters. I also review the record of proceedings in each Tribunal for legal sufficiency in accordance with standards prescribed in the Combatant Status Review Tribunal establishment order and implementing directive.

2. I hereby certify that the documents attached hereto constitute a true and accurate copy of the portions of the record of proceedings before the Combatant Status Review Tribunal related to petitioner Abdullah Saleh Ali Al Ajmi that are suitable for public release. The portions of the record that are classified or considered law enforcement sensitive are not attached hereto. I have redacted information that would personally identify certain U.S. Government personnel in

order to protect the personal security of those individuals. I have also redacted internee serial numbers because certain combinations of internee serial numbers with other information become classified under applicable classification guidance.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: 15 Sep 04

  
James R. Crisfield Jr.  
CDR, JAGC, USN



Department of Defense  
Director, Combatant Status Review Tribunals

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20 August 2004

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From: Director, Combatant Status Review Tribunal

Subj: REVIEW OF COMBATANT STATUS REVIEW TRIBUNAL FOR  
DETAINEE ISN # [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Deputy Secretary of Defense Order of 7 July 2004  
(b) Secretary of the Navy Order of 29 July 2004

1. I concur in the decision of the Combatant Status Review Tribunal that Detainee ISN # [REDACTED] meets the criteria for designation as an Enemy Combatant, in accordance with references (a) and (b).
2. This case is now considered final, and the detainee will be scheduled for an Administrative Review Board.

J. M. MCGARRAH  
RADM, CEC, USNR

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## MEMORANDUM

From: Legal Advisor

To: Director, Combatant Status Review Tribunal

Subj: LEGAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW OF COMBATANT STATUS REVIEW TRIBUNAL  
FOR DETAINEE ISN # [REDACTED]Ref: (a) Deputy Secretary of Defense Order of 7 July 2004  
(b) Secretary of the Navy Order of 29 July 2004Encl: (1) Appointing Order for Tribunal #2 of 2 August 2004  
(2) Record of Tribunal Proceedings

1. Legal sufficiency review has been completed on the subject Combatant Status Review Tribunal in accordance with references (a) and (b). After reviewing the record of the Tribunal, I find that:
  - a. The detainee was properly notified of the Tribunal process and voluntarily elected not to participate in Tribunal proceedings.
  - b. The Tribunal was properly convened and constituted by enclosure (1).
  - c. The Tribunal complied with all provisions of references (a) and (b). Note that exhibit R-2 lists six Recorder exhibits whereas seven Recorder exhibits were actually admitted in the Tribunal.
  - d. The detainee made no requests for witnesses or other evidence.
  - e. The Tribunal's decision that detainee # [REDACTED] is properly classified as an enemy combatant was unanimous.
  - f. The detainee's Personal Representative was given the opportunity to review the record of proceedings and declined to submit comments to the Tribunal.
2. The proceedings and decision of the Tribunal are legally sufficient and no corrective action is required.
3. I recommend that the decision of the Tribunal be approved and the case be considered final.



James R. Crisfield Jr.  
CDR, JAGC, USN



Department of Defense  
Director, Combatant Status Review Tribunals

2 August 2004

From: Director, Combatant Status Review Tribunals

Subj: APPOINTMENT OF COMBATANT STATUS REVIEW TRIBUNAL #2

Ref: (a) Convening Authority Appointment Letter of 9 July 2004

By the authority given to me in reference (a), a Combatant Status Review Tribunal established by "Implementation of Combatant Status Review Tribunal Procedures for Enemy Combatants Detained at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba" dated 29 July 2004 is hereby convened. It shall hear such cases as shall be brought before it without further action of referral or otherwise.

The following commissioned officers shall serve as members of the Tribunal:

MEMBERS:

[REDACTED], Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps; President

[REDACTED], Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army; Member (JAG)

[REDACTED], Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force; Member

J. M. McGARRAH  
Rear Admiral  
Civil Engineer Corps  
U.S. Naval Reserve



HEADQUARTERS, OARDEC FORWARD  
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA  
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12 August 2004

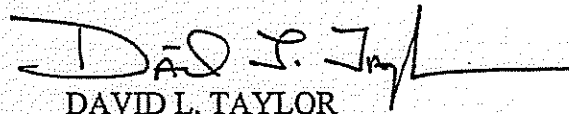
MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, CSRT

FROM: OARDEC FORWARD Commander

SUBJECT: CSRT Record of Proceedings ICO ISN# [REDACTED]

1. Pursuant to Enclosure (1), paragraph (I)(5) of the *Implementation of Combatant Status Review Tribunal Procedures for Enemy Combatants Detained at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba* dated 29 July 2004, I am forwarding the Combatant Status Review Tribunal Decision Report for the above mentioned ISN for review and action.

2. If there are any questions regarding this package, point of contact on this matter is the undersigned at DSN 660-3088.

  
DAVID L. TAYLOR  
Colonel, USAF

(U) Combatant Status Review Tribunal Decision Report Cover Sheet

(U) This Document is UNCLASSIFIED Upon Removal of Enclosures (2) (3) and (4).

(U) TRIBUNAL PANEL:   #2  

(U) ISN#:   [REDACTED]  

Ref: (a) Convening Order for Tribunal #2 of 2 August 2004 (U)  
(b) CSRT Implementation Directive of 29 July 2004 (U)  
(c) DEPSECDEF Memo of 7 July 2004 (U)

Encl: (1) Unclassified Summary of Basis For Tribunal Decision (U)  
(2) Classified Summary of Basis for Tribunal Decision (S//NF)  
(3) Summary of Detainee/Witness Testimony (U) (Not Required as Detainee declined to make a statement)  
(4) Copies of Documentary Evidence Presented (S//NF)  
(5) Personal Representative's Record Review (U)

1. (U) This Tribunal was convened on 2 August 2004 by references (a) and (b) to make a determination as to whether the detainee meets the criteria to be designated as an enemy combatant as defined in reference (c).
2. (U) The Tribunal has determined, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Detainee # [REDACTED] is designated as an enemy combatant as defined in reference (c).
3. (U) In particular, the Tribunal finds that this detainee willingly affiliated himself with the Taliban, as more fully discussed in the enclosures.
4. (U) Enclosure (1) provides an unclassified account of the basis for the Tribunal's decision. A detailed account of the evidence considered by the Tribunal and its findings of fact are contained in enclosures (1) and (2).

[REDACTED]

Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps  
Tribunal President

**UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF BASIS FOR TRIBUNAL  
DECISION**

**(Enclosure (1) to Combatant Status Review Tribunal Decision Report)**

TRIBUNAL PANEL: \_\_\_\_\_ #2  
ISN #: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Introduction**

As the Combatant Status Review Tribunal (CSRT) Decision Report indicates, the Tribunal has determined that this detainee is properly classified as an enemy combatant as he has willingly affiliated himself with the Taliban. In reaching its conclusions, the Tribunal considered both classified and unclassified information. The following is an account of the unclassified evidence considered by the Tribunal and other pertinent information. Classified evidence considered by the Tribunal is discussed in Enclosure (2) to the CSRT Decision Report.

**2. Synopsis of Proceedings**

The unclassified evidence presented to the Tribunal by the Recorder indicated that the detainee was a Taliban fighter and participated in military operations against the United States or its coalition partners (here, the Northern Alliance). The detainee chose not to participate in the Tribunal process.

**3. Evidence Considered by the Tribunal**

The Tribunal considered the following evidence in reaching its conclusions: Exhibits D-a, R-1 through R-11.

**4. Rulings by the Tribunal on Detainee Requests for Evidence or Witnesses**

The Detainee requested no witnesses, nor did he request additional evidence be produced; therefore, no additional rulings were required.

**5. Discussion of Unclassified Evidence**

The Tribunal found the following unclassified evidence persuasive in making its determinations: None.

The Tribunal found the following unclassified evidence unpersuasive in making its determinations: Exhibit R-1 was the only unclassified exhibit presented to the Tribunal. Although it asserts that the United States has such information to support the allegations in paragraph 2, above, no supporting unclassified information was submitted for consideration. Therefore, standing alone, Exhibit R-1 was insufficiently persuasive for

ISN # [REDACTED]  
Enclosure (1)  
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the Tribunal to make a judgment as to whether ISN # [REDACTED] has been properly classified as an enemy combatant.

The Tribunal also relied on certain classified evidence in reaching its decision. A discussion of the classified evidence is found in Enclosure (2) to the Combatant Status Review Tribunal Decision Report.

#### **6. Consultations with the CSRT Legal Advisor**

No issues arose during the course of this hearing that required consultation with the CSRT legal advisor.

#### **7. Conclusions of the Tribunal**

Upon careful review of all the evidence presented in this matter, the Tribunal makes the following determinations:

- a. The detainee was mentally and physically capable of participating in the proceeding. No medical or mental health evaluation was requested or deemed necessary.
- b. As related to the Tribunal by the Personal Representative, the Detainee understood, but chose not to participate in, the Tribunal process, as indicated in Exhibit D-a.
- c. The detainee is properly classified as an enemy combatant because he willingly affiliated himself with the Taliban.

#### **8. Dissenting Tribunal Member's report**

None. The Tribunal reached a unanimous decision.

Respectfully submitted,

[REDACTED]

Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps  
Tribunal President

Detainee Election Form

Date/Time: 31 JUL 04 / 18:50 <sup>18:30 to</sup>

ISN#: 

Personal Representative:   
[Name/Rank]

Translator Required? \_\_\_\_\_ Language? \_\_\_\_\_

CSRT Procedures Read to Detainee or Written Copy Read by Detainee? \_\_\_\_\_

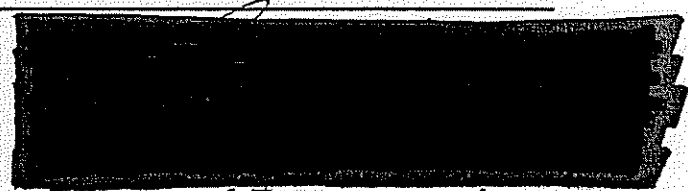
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Detainee Election:

- Wants to Participate in Tribunal
- Affirmatively Declines to Participate in Tribunal
- Uncooperative or Unresponsive

Personal Representative Comments:

Detainee acknowledged reading  
Tribunal notice. He declined further  
comment.

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Personal Representative

Combatant Status Review Board

TO: Personal Representative

FROM: Recorder

Subject: Summary of Evidence for Combatant Status Review Tribunal -- AL AJMI, Abdallah Salih Ali

29 JUL 03 112

1. Under the provisions of the Department of the Navy Memorandum, dated 16 July 2004, *Implementation of Combatant Status Review Tribunal Procedures for Enemy Combatants Detained at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base Cuba*, a Tribunal has been appointed to review the detainee's designation as an enemy combatant.
2. An enemy combatant has been defined as "an individual who was part of or supporting the Taliban or al Qaida forces, or associated forces that are engaged in hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners. This includes any person who committed a belligerent act or has directly supported hostilities in aid of enemy armed forces."
3. The United States Government has previously determined that the detainee is an enemy combatant. This determination is based on information possessed by the United States that indicates that he was a fighter for the Taliban and engaged in hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners.
  - a. The detainee is a Taliban fighter:
    1. The detainee went AWOL from the Kuwaiti military in order to travel to Afghanistan to participate in the Jihad.
    2. The detainee was issued an AK-47, ammunition and hand grenades by the Taliban.
  - b. The detainee participated in military operations against the coalition.
    1. The detainee admitted he was in Afghanistan fighting with the Taliban in the Bagram area.
    2. The detainee was placed in a defensive position by the Taliban in order to block the Northern Alliance.
    3. The detainee admitted spending eight months on the front line at the Aiubi Center, AF.
    4. The detainee admitted engaging in two or three fire fights with the Northern Alliance.
    5. The detainee retreated to the Tora Bora region of AF and was later captured as he attempted to escape to Pakistan.
4. The detainee has the opportunity to contest his determination as an enemy combatant. The Tribunal will endeavor to arrange for the presence of any reasonably available witnesses or evidence that the detainee desires to call or introduce to prove that he is not an enemy combatant. The Tribunal President will determine the reasonable availability of evidence or witnesses.

EXHIBIT B1

Personal Representative Review of the Record of Proceedings

I acknowledge that on 10 August 2004 I was provided the opportunity to review the record of proceedings for the Combatant Status Review Tribunal involving ISN # [REDACTED]

I have no comments.

My comments are attached.

[REDACTED]  
Name  
[REDACTED]  
Signature

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Date

ISN # [REDACTED]  
Enclosure (5)