#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MASHUR ABDULLAH MUQBI	IL AHMNAD AL SABRI,	)
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Petitioner,		, )
<b>v.</b>		Civil Action No. 06-1767 (RMU)
GEORGE W. BUSH, et al.,		) )
Respondents.	·	) ) )

#### **DECLARATION OF DAVID N. COOPER**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Lieutenant Colonel David N. Cooper, Judge Advocate, Judge Advocate General's Corps Reserve, United States Air Force, hereby state that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the following is true, accurate and correct:

- 1. I am a Legal Advisor to the Office for the Administrative Review of the Detention of Enemy Combatants at U.S. Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (OARDEC). In that capacity I am an advisor to the Director, Combatant Status Review Tribunals.
- 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 Mashur Abdullah Muqbil Ahmnad Al Sabri that are suitable for public release. The portions of the record that are classified or considered law enforcement sensitive are not attached hereto or were redacted by an OARDEC staff member. This staff member also redacted information that would personally identify certain U.S. Government personnel in order to protect the personal privacy and security of those individuals.

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

Dated: 15 78 human 2007

DAVID N. COOPER, LICOI, USAFR

Staff Judge Advocate

DOD, HQ OARDEC Washington, DC



### Department of Defense Director, Combatant Status Review Tribunals

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From: Director, Combatant Status Review Tribunal

Subj: REVIEW OF COMBATANT STATUS REVIEW TRIBUNAL FOR

**DETAINEE ISN # 324** 

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 #324 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, USN

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

From: Assistant Legal Advisor

To: Director, Combatant Status Review Tribunal

Via: Legal Advisor

Subj: LEGAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW OF COMBATANT STATUS REVIEW TRIBUNAL FOR DETAINEE ISN # 324

Ref: (a) Deputy Secretary of Defense Order of 7 July 2004

(b) Secretary of the Navy Implementation Directive of 29 July 2004

Encl: (1) Appointing Order for Tribunal #20 of 8 November 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. *See* exhibit D-a.
  - b. The Tribunal was properly convened and constituted by enclosure (1).
  - c. The Tribunal substantially complied with all provisions of references (a) and (b). Note that some information in exhibits R-4 and R-5 was redacted. The FBI properly certified in exhibit R-2 that the redacted information would not support a determination that the detainee is not an enemy combatant.
  - d. The detainee did not request that any witnesses or evidence be produced.
  - e. The Tribunal's decision that detainee #324 is properly classified as an enemy combatant was unanimous.
- 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

PETER C. BRADFORD LT, JAGC, USNR



### Department of Defense Director, Combatant Status Review Tribunals

8 Nov 04

From: Director, Combatant Status Review Tribunals

Subj: APPOINTMENT OF COMBATANT STATUS REVIEW TRIBUNAL #20

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:

Colonel, U.S. Army; President

(JAG)

Commander, JAGC, U.S. Navy; Member

Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy; Member

J. M. McGARRAH

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Rear Admiral

Civil Engineer Corps

United States Navy



### **HEADQUARTERS, OARDEC FORWARD**

GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA APO AE 09360

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, CSRT

08 December 2004

FROM: OARDEC FORWARD Commander

SUBJECT: CSRT Record of Proceedings ICO ISN# 324

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

CHARLES E JAMISON CAPT, USN

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### (U) Combatant Status Review Tribunal Decision Report Cover Sheet

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

(U) TRIBUNAL PANEL: #20

(U) ISN#: 324

Ref: (a) (U) Convening Order for Tribunal #20 of 8 November 2004 (U)

(b) (U) CSRT Implementation Directive of 29 July 2004 (U)

(c) (U) DEPSECDEF Memo of 7 July 2004 (U)

Encl: (1) (U) Unclassified Summary of Basis For Tribunal Decision (U/POUO)

(2) (U) Classified Summary of Basis for Tribunal Decision (S/NF)

(3) (U) Copies of Documentary Evidence Presented (S/NF)

(4) (U) Personal Representative's Record Review (U)

- 1. (U) This Tribunal was convened 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) On 13 November 2004, the Tribunal determined by a preponderance of the evidence that Detainee #324 is properly designated as an enemy combatant as defined in reference (c).
- 3. (U) In particular, the Tribunal finds that this detainee is a member of, or affiliated with, Taliban and al Qaida forces, 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).

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Colonel, U.S. Army Tribunal President

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## UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF BASIS FOR TRIBUNAL DECISION

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

TRIBUNAL PANEL:	#20		
ISN #:324			

#### 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 and was part of or supporting Taliban and al Qaida forces. 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 Tribunal held this hearing on 13 November 2004. The Recorder presented Exhibits R-1 and R-2 during the unclassified portion of the Tribunal. The primary exhibit, the Unclassified Summary of Evidence (Exhibit R-1), indicates that: the detainee is associated with the Taliban or al Qaida: the detainee, a citizen of Saudi Arabia, traveled by plane to Quetta, Pakistan where he contacted the Taliban for assistance in traveling to Afghanistan; the detainee met with an al Qaida recruiter in Kandahar, Afghanistan; the detainee traveled to Jalalabad, Afghanistan and stayed for one year and purchased a Russian Makrof pistol and traveled to the frontlines near Kabul; the detainee's roommate was a suicide bomber responsible for the USS Cole bombing; the detainee fled Jalalabad in order to avoid the United States bombing campaign and later turned himself in to Pakistan forces. The Recorder called no witnesses.

The detainee did not attend the Tribunal and affirmatively declined to participate.—He also did not provide the Personal Representative with any statements or evidence to present on his behalf. The detainee's decision is reflected on the Detainee Election Form (Exhibit D-a). The Personal Representative presented no evidence and called no witnesses.

During the classified session of the Tribunal, the Recorder presented Exhibits R-3 through R-14 and commented on the evidence. The Personal Representative presented no classified evidence and made no comments on the classified exhibits. After considering all of the classified and unclassified evidence, the Tribunal determined that the detainee is properly classified as an enemy combatant.

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### 3. Evidence Considered by the Tribunal

The Tribunal considered the following evidence in reaching its conclusions:

- a. Exhibits: R-1 through R-14 and D-a.
- b. Testimony of the following persons: None.
- c. Statement of the detainee: None.

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

The Detainee requested no witnesses.

The Detainee requested no additional evidence be produced.

### 5. Discussion of Unclassified Evidence

The Recorder offered Exhibits R-1 and R-2 into evidence during the unclassified portion of the proceeding. Exhibit R-1 is the Unclassified Summary of Evidence. While this summary is helpful in that it provides a broad outline of what the Tribunal can expect to see, it is not persuasive in that it provides conclusory statements without supporting unclassified evidence. Exhibit R-2, the FBI redaction request provided no useful information. Because there was no unclassified evidence other than Exhibit R-2 for the Tribunal to consider, the Tribunal had to look to the classified exhibits to support the assertions on the Unclassified Summary of Evidence and the Tribunal's conclusions. 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

None.

### 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 chose not to participate in the Tribunal proceeding. No evidence was produced that caused the Tribunal to question whether the detainee was mentally and physically capable of participating in the proceeding, had he wanted to do so. Accordingly, no medical or mental health evaluation was requested or deemed necessary.
- b. The Personal Representative informed the Tribunal that the detainee understood the Tribunal process, but chose not to participate, as indicated in Exhibit D-a.

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c. The detainee is properly classified as an enemy combatant because he was part of or supporting Taliban and al Qaida forces.

### 8. Dissenting Tribunal Member's report

None. The Tribunal reached a unanimous decision.

Respectfully submitted,

Colonel, U.S. Army Tribunal President

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### **DETAINEE ELECTION FORM**

Date: 5 Nov 2004

•	Start Time: 1500					
	End T	ime: 1530				
ISN#: 324			•			
Personal Representative: (Name/Rank)	MAJOF	l, USAF				
Translator Required? YES	Language?	ARABIC				
CSRT Procedure Read to Detainee or	r Written Copy Read	by Detainee? YES				
Detainee Election:						
Wants to Participate in T	ribunal					
$\overline{X}$ Affirmatively Declines to $Y$	Participate in Tril	ounal				
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Exhibit D-a

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### Combatant Status Review Board

TO: Personal Representative

FROM: OIC, CSRT (28 October 2004)

Subject: Summary of Evidence for Combatant Status Review Tribunal – AL SABRI, Mashur Abduallah Muqbil Ahmed

- 1. Under the provisions of the Secretary of the Navy Memorandum, dated 29 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 the detainee is associated with the Taliban or al Qaida.

The detainee is associated with the Taliban or al Qaida:

- 1. The detainee, a citizen of Saudi Arabia, traveled by plane to Quetta, Pakistan where he contacted the Taliban for assistance in traveling to Afghanistan.
- 2. The detainee met with an al Qaida recruiter in Kandahar, Afghanistan.
- 3. The detainee traveled to Jalalabad, Afghanistan and stayed for one year and purchased a Russian Makrof pistol and traveled to the frontlines near Kabul.
- 4. The detainee's roommate was a suicide bomber responsible for the USS Cole bombing.
- 5. The detainee fled Jalalabad in order to avoid the United States bombing campaign and later turned himself in to Pakistan forces.
- 4. The detainee has the opportunity to contest his designation 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.

#### Memorandum



To : Department of Defense

Date 10/27/2004

Office of Administrative Review for Detained Enemy Combatants Capt. Charles Jamison, OIC, CSRT

From:

FBI GTMO

Counterterrorism Division

Asst. Gen. Counsel

Subject

REQUEST FOR REDACTION OF

NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION

Pursuant to the Secretary of the Navy Order of 29 July 2004, Implementation of Combatant Review Tribunal Procedures for Enemy Combatants Detained at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, Section D, paragraph 2, the FBI requests redaction of the information herein marked<sup>1</sup>. The FBI makes this request on the basis that said information relates to the national security of the United States<sup>2</sup>. Inappropriate dissemination of said information could damage the national security of the United States and compromise ongoing FBI investigations.

CERTIFICATION THAT REDACTED INFORMATION DOES NOT SUPPORT A DETERMINATION THAT THE DETAINEE IS NOT AN ENEMY COMBATANT

The FBI certifies the aforementioned redaction contains no information that would support a determination that the detainee is not an enemy combatant.

The following documents relative to ISN 324 have been redacted by the FBI and provided to the OARDEC:

FD-302 dated 05/24/02 FD-302 dated 07/17/02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Redactions are blackened out on the OARDEC provided FBI document.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>See Executive Order 12958

Memorandum from to Capt. Charles Jamison Re: REQUEST FOR REDACTION, 10/27/2004

If you need additional assistance, please contact Asst.

Gen. Counsel or Intelligence Analyst (IA)

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# Personal Representative Review of the Record of Proceedings

I acknowledge that on  $\prod$  November 2004, I was provided the opportunity to review the record of proceedings for the Combatant Status Review Tribunal involving ISN #324.

V I have no comments.

\_\_\_\_ My comments are attached.

Name , Major, USAF

Signature