IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NAYIF FAHD MUTLIQ AL USAYMI,)	
Petitioner,)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 05-0345 (JDB)
GEORGE W. BUSH, et al.,)	
Respondents.)	

DECLARATION OF TERESA A. McPALMER

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Commander Teresa A. McPalmer, 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 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 Nayif Fahd Mutliq al Usaymi 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 August 2005

Teresa A. McPalmer CDR, JAGC, USN



Department of Defense Director, Combatant Status Review Tribunals

OARDEC/Ser: 108 23 September 2004

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From: Director, Combatant Status Review Tribunal

Subj: REVIEW OF COMBATANT STATUS REVIEW TRIBUNAL FOR

DETAINEE ISN # 436

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 #436 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: Legal Advisor

To: Director, Combatant Status Review Tribunal

Subj: LEGAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW OF COMBATANT STATUS REVIEW TRIBUNAL FOR DETAINEE ISN # 436

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 #4 of 6 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 the Tribunal
- b. The Tribunal was properly convened and constituted by enclosure (1).
- c. The Tribunal complied with the provisions of references (a) and (b). Note that some information in exhibit R-4 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 made no requests for witnesses or other evidence.
- e. The Tribunal's decision that detainee # 436 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

6 August 2004 Ser0038/ais

From: Director, Combatant Status Review Tribunals

Subj: APPOINTMENT OF COMBATANT STATUS REVIEW TRIBUNAL #4

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

, Commander, JAGC, U.S. Navy; Member (JAG)

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps; Member

J. M. McGARRAH

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Rear Admiral

Civil Engineer Corps U.S. Naval Reserve



HEADQUARTERS, OARDEC FORWARD

GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA APO AE 09360

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, CSRT

FROM: OARDEC FORWARD Commander

SUBJECT: CSRT Record of Proceedings ICO ISN# 436

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

DAVID L. TAYLOR

Colonel, USAF

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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: #4

(U) ISN#: <u>436</u>

Ref: (a) (U) Convening Order for Tribunal #4 of 6 August 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)

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

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

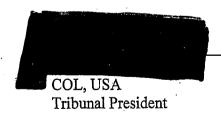
(4) (U) Personal Representative's Record Review (U)

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 7 September 2004, the Tribunal determined, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Detainee #436 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 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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UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF BASIS FOR TRIBUNAL DECISION

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

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ISN #:	436	

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 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 Recorder presented Exhibit R-1 during the unclassified portion of the Tribunal. It indicates the Taliban recruited the detainee in February of 2001. He traveled to Kandahar, Afghanistan, via Pakistan, where he joined the Taliban. He subsequently trained near the front lines and learned to shoot the Kalashnikov rifle, the Beka gun, RPGs, and the bolt-action rifle. He then traveled to the front lines near Kwahajhar, Afghanistan, and manned the front lines on a rotating basis for the next 6½ months. In November 2001, Northern Alliance forces captured the detainee in Konduz, Afghanistan. The Recorder called no witnesses, but did introduce classified evidence during a closed session of the Tribunal. 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:

- a. Exhibits: R-1 through R-15 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.

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5. Discussion of Unclassified Evidence

The recorder offered Exhibit R-1 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. Because there was no other unclassified evidence 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

The Tribunal consulted the CSRT Assistant Legal Advisor and the OARDEC Forward Chief of Staff regarding certain matters raised by Exhibits R-4, R-11 and R-13, which are more fully discussed in paragraph 1.b. of Enclosure (2) to the CSRT Decision Report. As per instructions, the OARDEC Liaison to the Criminal Investigation Task Force and JTF-GTMO was notified of the matters on 8 September 2004.

7. Conclusions of the Tribunal

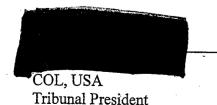
Upon careful review of all the evidence presented in this matter, the Tribunal makes the following determinations:

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

8. Dissenting Tribunal Member's report

None. The Tribunal reached a unanimous decision.

Respectfully submitted,



DETAINEE ELECTION FORM

Date: 4 Sep D Start Time: 0758 End Time: <u>08/8</u>

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Personal Representative: (Name/Rank)	14 Col
Translator Required? YES Language?	Mod ARGBIC
CSRT Procedure Read to Detainee or Written Copy F	Read by Detainee? YES
Detainee Election:	
Wants to Participate in Tribunal	
Affirmatively Declines to Participate in	Tribunal
Uncooperative or Unresponsive	
Personal Representative Comments:	
Does not wont to partici	pete.
Will not attend TriBunal	
Personal Representative	

Exhibit D-a

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Combatant Status Review Board

TO: Personal Representative

2 September 2004

FROM: OIC, CSRT

Subject: Summary of Evidence for Combatant Status Review Tribunal – Al Usaymi, Nayif Fahd Mutliq

- 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 he associated with the Taliban and engaged in hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners.
 - a. Detainee is associated with the Taliban.
 - 1. In early February of 2001, the detainee met with a Taliban recruiter.
 - 2. On more than one occasion, the detainee talked to the Taliban recruiter about military training in Afghanistan.
 - 3. The recruiter provided the detainee instructions on obtaining a Pakistani Visa as well as a specific route to take. The detainee traveled to a Taliban guesthouse in Quetta, Pakistan, where the recruiter had sent him.
 - 4. Many Taliban soldiers armed with Kalashnikov rifles walked in and out of the guesthouse. The detainee told a member of the Taliban guesthouse that he desired to receive military training.
 - 5. In March of 2001, the detainee arrived in Kandahar, Afghanistan where he joined the Taliban.
 - 6. The detainee and about thirty to fifty men were trained near the front line on shooting the Kalashnikov rifle. A Taliban member, who

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claimed to handle the fighter and killer training of the soldiers, is the one who trained them.

- 7. The detainee was specifically trained on the Kalashnikov rifle, Beka gun, RPG (rocket propelled grenade), and the bolt-action rifle.
- b. Detainee engaged in hostilities against the US or its coalition partners.
 - 1. The detainee and about twenty to thirty Afghanistan fighter/soldiers traveled to Konduz, Afghanistan and stayed at a Taliban house.
 - 2. The detainee went to the front line located near Kwahajhar, Afghanistan for approximately two weeks and then continued a two week rotating cycle for approximately six and a half months. At the front line, the soldiers used many weapons to include Kalashnikov rifles, PK and RPGs.
 - 3. In November of 2001, the Northern Alliance Forces captured the detainee in Konduz, Afghanistan.
- 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.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 20535-0001

August 6, 2004

REQUEST FOR REDACTION OF NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION

ISN 436

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. The FBI makes this request on the basis that said information relates to the national security of the United States². 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.

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¹Redactions are marked by means of pink/blue highlighter on the OARDEC provided FBI document.

²See Executive Order 12958

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Personal Representative Review of the Record of Proceedings

I acknowledge that on 8 September 2004, I was provided the opportunity to review the record of proceedings for the Combatant Status Review Tribunal involving ISN #436.

I have no comments.

____ My comments are attached.

Name

9 Sep 04

Signature