

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MAJI AFAS RADHI AL SHIMRI,

Petitioner

v.

GEORGE WALKER BUSH,

Respondents.

Civil Action No. 05-0551 (RWR)

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 Maji Afas Radhi al Shimri that are suitable for public release. The portions of the record that are classified or considered law enforcement sensitive are not attached hereto or have been redacted. An OARDEC staff member redacted information that would personally identify U.S. Government personnel in order to protect the personal security of those individuals. This individual also redacted the names of internee serial numbers because certain combinations

of internee serial numbers with other information relates to sensitive internal and intelligence operations that is not suitable for public release.

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

Dated: 12 May 05

Teresa A. McPalmer
Teresa A. McPalmer
CDR, JAGC, USN

13 Jan 05

MEMORANDUM

From: Assistant Legal Advisor
To: Director, Combatant Status Review Tribunal
Via: Legal Advisor *SP*

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 Implementation Directive of 29 July 2004

Encl: (1) Appointing Order for Tribunal #15 of 12 Oct 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:

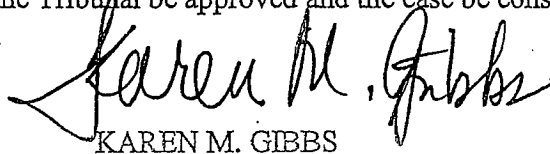
- a. The detainee was properly notified of the Tribunal process, and voluntarily elected not to participate. Detainee affirmatively declined to attend the CSRT, and affirmatively declined to participate. See Exhibit D-a. In addition, he did not provide the Personal Representative with statements or evidence to present to the Tribunal on his behalf.
- b. The Tribunal was properly convened and constituted by enclosure (1).
- c. The Tribunal substantially complied with all provisions of references (a) and (b).
- d. Note that some information in exhibit R-3 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.
- e. The detainee did not request that any witnesses or evidence be produced.
- f. The Tribunal's decision that detainee # [REDACTED] is properly classified as an enemy combatant was unanimous.
- g. The detainee's Personal Representative was given the opportunity to review the record of proceedings, and declined to submit post-tribunal comments to the Tribunal.

2. The proceedings and decision of the Tribunal are legally sufficient and no corrective action is required.

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3. I recommend that the decision of the Tribunal be approved and the case be considered final.



KAREN M. GIBBS
CDR, JAGC, USNR



Department of Defense
Director, Combatant Status Review Tribunals

12 Oct 04

From: Director, Combatant Status Review Tribunals

Subj: APPOINTMENT OF COMBATANT STATUS REVIEW TRIBUNAL #15

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. Air Force; President

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

[REDACTED] Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy; Member

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. M. McGARRAH", is positioned above the typed name.

J. M. McGARRAH
Rear Admiral
Civil Engineer Corps
United States Navy



HEADQUARTERS, OARDEC FORWARD
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
APO AE 09360

19 November 2004

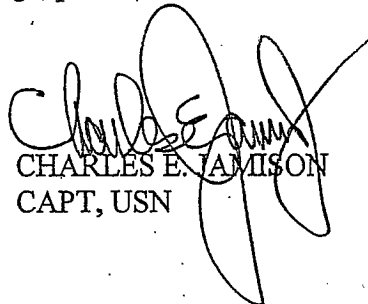
MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, CSRT

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.


CHARLES E. JAMISON
CAPT, USN

(U) Combatant Status Review Tribunal Decision Report Cover Sheet

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

(U) TRIBUNAL PANEL: #15

(U) ISN#: [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) (U) Convening Order for Tribunal #15 of 12 October 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/[REDACTED])
(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/[REDACTED])

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 5 November 2004 the Tribunal determined, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Detainee # [REDACTED] 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 the Taliban and affiliated with, al Qaida, 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, USAF

Tribunal President

UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF BASIS FOR TRIBUNAL DECISION**(Enclosure (1) to Combatant Status Review Tribunal Decision Report)**TRIBUNAL PANEL: #15
ISN #: [REDACTED] **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 is a member of the Taliban and affiliated with, al Qaida. 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 ISN # [REDACTED] is a member of the Taliban and affiliated with, al Qaida. The detainee chose to not participate in the Tribunal process. He did not call a witness, did not request any documents be produced, and he did not provide a statement.

3. Evidence Considered by the Tribunal

The Tribunal considered the following evidence in reaching its conclusions:

- a. Exhibits: D-a and R-1 through R-12.
- b. Testimony of the following persons: none

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

The Detainee requested no witnesses be produced for the hearing: no rulings were required.

The Detainee requested no additional evidence be produced: no rulings were required.

5. Discussion of Unclassified Evidence

The Tribunal considered the following unclassified evidence in making its determinations:

- a. 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 provided no usable evidence.

b. The most significant piece of unclassified evidence the Tribunal had to consider was exhibit D-a presented by the Personal Representative (PR). The PR read the definition of an Enemy Combatant in Reference (b) to the detainee. The detainee told the (PR) he was an Enemy Combatant based on the definition. The detainee also said he had no relationship with al Qaida.

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 deemed necessary.

b. The detainee understood the Tribunal proceedings. The detainee chose not to participate in the Tribunal process, as indicated in Exhibit D-a.

c. The detainee is properly classified as an enemy combatant and is a member of the Taliban and affiliated with, al Qaida.

8. Dissenting Tribunal Member's report

None. The Tribunal reached a unanimous decision.

Respectfully submitted,


Tribunal President

Colonel, USAF

DETAINEE ELECTION FORM

Date: 3 Nov 2004

Start Time: 0810

End Time: 0850

ISN#: [REDACTED]

Personal Representative: [REDACTED] Major, USAF
(Name/Rank)

Translator Required? YES Language? ARABIC

CSRT Procedure Read to Detainee or Written Copy Read by Detainee? YES

Detainee Election:

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

Personal Representative Comments:

Detainee # [REDACTED] was briefed on the CSRT process and he affirmatively elected to not participate in his Tribunal. The detainee was respectful and courteous but he was distrustful of the CSRT process. When I explained the definition of Enemy Combatant to # [REDACTED] he admitted to me that under that definition, he was an Enemy Combatant and if he went to the Tribunal he would tell them so. However, he wanted to make it clear that he had no relationship with Al Qaida. He said that he went to the [REDACTED] camp (in the year 2000) but did not know that it was associated with Al Qaida and that after Sep '01 he did not go to any camps. He stated that he did not carry an AK47 on the battlefield and that he did not fight in Tora Bora although he was there and that he did not have any weapons when he surrendered to the Pakistani authorities. He stated that he had no animosity toward Americans and that he had fought along side the Allies during the Persian Gulf war when he was in the Saudi army fighting for Kuwaiti freedom. After the war, he joined the Kuwaiti army and stayed there for eight years. He went to Afghanistan because it was cheaper to live there than Kuwait.

Personal Representative: [REDACTED]

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Combatant Status Review Board

TO: Personal Representative

FROM: OIC, CSRT (19 October 2004)

Subject: Summary of Evidence for Combatant Status Review Tribunal – AL SHIMRI, Maji Afas Radhi

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 and al Qaida, and participated in military operations against the United States and its coalition partners.
 - a. The detainee is associated with the Taliban and al Qaida:
 1. The detainee traveled from Saudi Arabia to Afghanistan via Jordan and Iran circa 2000.
 2. The detainee received training at the [REDACTED] camp in light arms; topography; urban warfare; grenades; flares, and land mines.
 3. The detainee received training at the [REDACTED] Camp on the PK machine gun; AK-47; Mowuse; RPG 2; RPG 7; a shrapnel type grenade launcher, and the DOSHKA anti-aircraft gun.
 - b. The detainee participated in military operations against the United States and its coalition partners:
 1. The detainee carried an AK 47 on the battlefield.
 2. The detainee served on the front lines in the vicinity of Shakardara.
 3. The detainee participated in the battle of Tora Bora.
 4. The detainee retreated to Pakistan where he surrendered to Pakistani authorities.
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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Memorandum



To : Department of Defense Date 10/21/2004
Office of Administrative Review
for Detained Enemy Combatants
Capt. Juno Jamison, OIC, CSRT

From : FBI GTMO
Counterterrorism Division
Asst. Gen. Counsel [REDACTED]

Subject: REQUEST FOR REDACTION OF
NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION
[REDACTED]

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 marked¹. 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.

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

FD-302 dated 6/04/2002

¹Redactions are blackened out on the OARDEC provided FBI document.

²See Executive Order 12958

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Memorandum from [REDACTED] to Col. David Taylor
Re: REQUEST FOR REDACTION, 10/21/2004

If you need additional assistance, please contact
Asst. Gen. Counsel [REDACTED],
[REDACTED] or Intelligence Analyst
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Intelligence Analyst [REDACTED]

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Personal Representative Review of the Record of Proceedings

I acknowledge that on 08 November 2004 I was provided the opportunity to review the record of proceedings for the Combatant Status Review Tribunal involving ISN # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] have no comments.

My comments are attached.

[REDACTED] Major, USAF
Name

08 NOV 2004
Date

[REDACTED]
Signature

ISN # [REDACTED]
Enclosure (4)