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SULEIMAN ABDULLAH SALIM,

MOHAMED AHMED BEN SOUD, OBAID

ULLAH (as Personal

Representative of GUL RAHMAN),

Plaintiffs, Civil Action No.

vs.

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JAMES ELMER MITCHELL and

JOHN "BRUCE" JESSEN,

Defendants.

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## 1 PROCEEDINGS

2. MR. SMITH: So, Mr. Hoffman, good morning. Yesterday, at the end of day one of 3 Mr. Salim's deposition, we provided to you authorities and asked you to consider them 5 over the night and to give us any authority 6 that you thought was contrary to the authority we were providing to you with respect to my 8 questioning about the factual basis for the 9 10 allegations in paragraph 74 of the complaint, 11 that defendant's Mitchell and Jessen subjected 12 Mr. Salim "to a regimen of torture and cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment in accordance 13 14 with the phased torture program that [they] designed, supervised, and implemented." 15 16 And you may recall that you instructed the witness not to answer based 17 18 upon the attorney/client privilege. 19 I objected to that. I provided 20 authorities to you by the end of the -- or by 21 the close of the deposition, indicating that 2.2 we had a right to understand the factual basis 23 for the allegations and the attorney/client

privilege cannot be invoked to stop that.

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- 1 substance, that's what the authority said.
- 2 You said that you were going to
- 3 consider those authorities and give us
- 4 contrary authorities and, perhaps, a
- 5 stipulation. We expected to get that based
- 6 upon what you said last evening. We didn't.
- 7 But we did speak off the record this morning,
- 8 just moments ago.
- 9 I still haven't been provided any
- 10 authorities, however, you did propose a
- 11 stipulation. So what I ask is that you would
- 12 put the stipulation on the record.
- 13 My intention is to discuss it with
- my colleagues back on -- in the United States.
- 15 It's three o'clock in the morning there so
- 16 we'll have to wait a couple hours before I get
- 17 them out of bed, but at least let's get the
- 18 stipulation on the record so that we can
- 19 advise our colleague exactly what you have in
- 20 mind and, then, we'll see where that takes us.
- 21 Is that fair?
- 22 MR. HOFFMAN: Yes. And let me say,
- 23 before I put the stipulation on the record, in
- response to what you're saying, I did review

1 the two cases that you sent to me.

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I don't think that they -- that they exactly state that you're entitled to the kind of information that you're -- that you're requiring because I think what -- what is fair is that you're entitled to know facts that he has. You are not entitled to know how those facts are being used in a legal sense or -- or any communications between lawyers and clients.

But in order not to -- to advance 11 12 the deposition and not to get into fights about all this, we would propose the following 13 14 stipulation which we hope would be acceptable and would -- would make it easier to get 15 through this part of the deposition, and that 16 No. 1, that Mr. Salim has no independent 17 knowledge of facts beyond his own personal 18 19 experience relating to the claims in this 20 case; that any facts that he might remember or 21 be asked about, to the extent that he has 2.2 them, have come from his attorneys and their 23 investigation; and that all such facts have 24 been disclosed by the plaintiffs already in

1 response to defendant's discovery requests. 2. MR. SMTTH: Just so we're clear, I do take exception to -- and I want to put it 3 on the record, and I may be doing a little bit more than that following this deposition, I do take issue with whether or not we have a right 6 to know the factual basis for the core allegation that links our client, or clients, 8 into this alleged wrongdoing, particularly 9 10 that they designed, supervised and implemented 11 a phased torture program relating to 12 Mr. Salim, but I can't go beyond where we are 13 right now. 14 But I will tell you I struggle, and I'm just telling you right now on the record, 15 16 I struggle to understand the good faith basis on which you can continue that allegation in 17 light of what's been learned in the 18 19 depositions in this case. I struggle to. that's for another day. 20 21 So why don't we just get going with 2.2 day two of Mr. Salim's deposition and, then, 23 we'll see where we go from there. 24 Mr. Salim, good morning.

1 VIDEOGRAPHER: You want to go on the

- 2 record?
- 3 MR. SMITH: Oh, yeah, we should.
- 4 VIDEOGRAPHER: Here begins day No. 2
- 5 in the video deposition of Suleiman Abdullah
- 6 Salim. We are back on the record. The time
- 7 is 9:06 a.m.
- 8 SULEIMAN ABDULLAH SALIM,
- 9 a witness called for examination by counsel
- 10 for the defendant, having been previously duly
- sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- 12 CONTINUED EXAMINATION
- 13 BY MR. SMITH:
- 14 Q. Mr. Salim, good morning.
- 15 A. Good.
- 16 Q. Are you ready to proceed today, sir?
- 17 A. I'm ready.
- 18 Q. Are you feeling well and believing that you
- 19 can continue to give your deposition?
- 20 A. I think I can.
- 21 Q. Okay. Mr. Salim, between the time we left
- 22 last evening and the time now that we're
- 23 starting day 2 of your deposition, have you
- 24 discussed your testimony with anyone?

- 1 A. I think nobody.
- 2 Q. Are you not sure?
- 3 A. Nobody.
- 4 Q. All right. Mr. Salim, while you were held at
- the facility that you refer to as "darkness,"
- 6 did you attempt to commit suicide?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 O. Can you tell me what happened?
- 9 A. Yes, I can. You know, I had a lot of pain in
- 10 my fingers, so they were giving me ibuprofen
- 11 800 grams, so I decided to hide them under my
- pants. And then, one day, I decided that,
- today, I can take all of them. That's what I
- 14 did.
- 15 Q. How many pills did you take, Mr. Salim?
- 16 A. I can't remember, but they were many.
- 17 Q. Who gave you these pills?
- 18 A. I don't know the person, but that person is
- 19 the one that was bringing food.
- 20 Q. Mr. Salim, do you have any factual basis to
- 21 claim that my clients, Drs. Mitchell and
- 22 Jessen, were in any way involved in this
- 23 activity?
- Let me withdraw that question.

- 1 Mr. Salim, is it your contention
- that Drs. Mitchell and Jessen are responsible
- 3 in any way for providing those pills to you or
- 4 what followed?
- 5 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- 6 answer it.
- 7 THE WITNESS: I can't tell who was
- 8 responsible for telling them to give me this
- 9 medication.
- 10 BY MR. SMITH:
- 11 Q. Mr. Salim, do you know what an interrogatory
- 12 is?
- 13 INTERPRETER XXXXXX: For the
- interpreter, can you just break the word a
- 15 little bit, in layman term? To interrogate,
- is that what you said?
- 17 MR. SMITH: I asked Mr. Salim if he
- 18 knows what an interrogatory is, XXXXXX.
- 19 INTERPRETER XXXXXX: Yeah, but I'm
- saying can you break the word for me.
- 21 MR. SMITH: Break the word?
- 22 INTERPRETER XXXXXX: Interrogatory.
- 23 MR. SMITH: Oh. An interrogatory is
- 24 a formal question in --

- 1 INTERPRETER XXXXXX: Like
- 2 interrogate?
- 3 MR. SMITH: -- America that needs to
- 4 be answered under oath.
- 5 INTERPRETER XXXXXX: Okay.
- 6 (Translating.)
- 7 THE WITNESS: No, I don't. I don't.
- 8 INTERPRETER XXXXXX: He said he
- 9 doesn't understand.
- 10 MR. SMITH: Okay. Let me show you
- 11 what we're going to mark in the case as
- 12 Exhibit No. 6.
- 13 (Whereupon, Salim Exhibit No. 6 was
- marked for identification.)
- 15 BY MR. SMITH:
- 16 Q. Mr. Salim, do you recognize what's been marked
- 17 as Exhibit No. 6?
- 18 A. I don't recognize.
- 19 Q. Turn, if you would -- let me just identify
- 20 Exhibit No. 6 as "Plaintiff Suleiman Abdullah
- 21 Salim's Objections and Responses to
- 22 Defendants' Interrogatories."
- Have you ever seen this document
- 24 before today, Mr. Salim?

- 1 A. Never.
- 2 Q. Did you ever see this document in Swahili?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Turn, if you would, to the last page of
- 5 Exhibit No. 6. I'm sorry. The second to the
- 6 last page, page 36 of Exhibit No. 6.
- 7 Can you put it before the witness,
- 8 please.
- 9 Mr. Salim, page 36 purports to be a
- 10 certification bearing your signature. Do you
- 11 see that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Did you sign this document?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Did you sign the document on November 28th,
- 16 2016?
- 17 A. I can't remember that.
- 18 Q. Did you review the information on pages 1
- through 35 before you signed the certification
- 20 on page 36?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. And you
- can answer.
- THE WITNESS: I did not.
- 24 BY MR. SMITH:

- 1 Q. Did you review any information before you
- 2 signed this certification?
- 3 MR. HOFFMAN: Same objection. You
- 4 can answer.
- 5 THE WITNESS: I looked at them, but
- 6 I did not know what it was.
- 7 BY MR. SMITH:
- 8 Q. When you say you looked at them, what did you
- 9 look at?
- 10 A. Like just going through.
- 11 Q. Who showed you this information on pages 1
- through 35?
- 13 A. Nobody showed me. I was given the paper and
- 14 nobody showed me.
- 15 Q. Who gave you the paper?
- 16 A. My lawyer.
- 17 Q. What's the name of your lawyer?
- 18 A. Steven.
- 19 Q. And was he present when he handed you the
- 20 paper?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 O. Did it come in the mail?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. How was it delivered to you?

- 1 A. I think through the email.
- 2 Q. Okay. And was the paper that was sent to you
- 3 by email in the English language or in
- 4 Swahili?
- 5 A. English.
- 6 Q. Did you have any idea what you were reading
- 7 before you signed the certification?
- 8 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- 9 answer.
- 10 THE WITNESS: I just signed it.
- 11 BY MR. SMITH:
- 12 Q. Did you have any understanding of what you
- 13 were reading before you signed it?
- 14 A. I did not read it.
- 15 Q. And did you have any understanding when you
- signed the certification that you were signing
- it subject to the potential punishments if
- information in there was willfully false?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Objection.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 21 BY MR. SMITH:
- 22 Q. Who told you that?
- 23 A. My lawyer.
- 24 Q. Turn, if you would, to subpart G.

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                     MR. HOFFMAN: Do you have a page
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           number?
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                     MR. SMITH: Page 26.
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      BY MR. SMITH:
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        confidential and bound under separate cover)
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         (Non-confidential testimony resumes.)
      BY MR. SMITH:
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           Were your eyes covered the entire period of
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           time that you were in the room, Mr. Salim?
                     MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
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           answer.
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                                    I'm responding to you
                     THE WITNESS:
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           again, it was not a cloth that was tied, but
           it was a dark glass that was put on my face.
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      BY MR. SMITH:
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           When was the dark glass put on your face?
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      Q.
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           Since we left Bossasso heading to Djibouti.
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1 Q. And did those dark glasses remain on your face

- 2 the entire time you were in Djibouti?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And were your hands in handcuffs or otherwise
- 5 shackled the entire time that you were in
- 6 Djibouti?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. Okay. You
- 9 answered. You have to just wait, give me a
- 10 chance to object.
- 11 BY MR. SMITH:
- 12 Q. If I recall your testimony yesterday, you were
- transported from Somalia to Djibouti, is that
- 14 right?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And you were in Djibouti for approximately one
- day, if I recall your testimony from
- 18 yesterday.
- 19 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 21 THE WITNESS: It was not a whole day
- 22 because I left at night. It wasn't until the
- next morning. It was in between nighttime.
- 24 BY MR. SMITH:

- 1 Q. Okay. Thank you.
- 2 Mr. Salim, during the period of time
- 3 that you were wearing these dark glasses, were
- 4 you able to see through the glasses to any
- 5 images of people or things?
- 6 A. I wasn't able to.
- 7 Q. Now, is it your testimony that there were
- 8 people taking photographs while you were being
- 9 raped by this person?
- 10 A. I don't remember saying that.
- 11 Q. Did you ever tell your lawyers that
- 12 photographs were being taken?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. And --
- 14 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 15 BY MR. SMITH:
- 16 O. You did?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 MR. HOFFMAN: I move to strike and
- instruct him not to answer any attorney/client
- 20 communications.
- 21 BY MR. SMITH:
- 22 Q. Do you have any memory that photographs were
- 23 taken?
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. So your testimony is that photographs were
- 2 taken?
- 3 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- 4 answer.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 6 BY MR. SMITH:
- 7 Q. Who took photographs?
- 8 A. I don't know the person.
- 9 Q. How do you know that photographs were taken?
- 10 A. I could see the flash.
- 11 Q. How many flashes did you see?
- 12 A. I can't remember.
- 13 Q. Was it more than one?
- 14 A. I don't recall.
- 15 Q. Turn, if you would, to page 20. Do you see in
- footnote 1 on page 20, it says, quote:
- 17 "Though Mr. Salim identifies rectal injury as
- 18 occurring during his rendition, detention,
- 19 torture and other cruel, inhuman, and
- 20 degrading treatment as a result of his
- inclusion in the program, and includes this
- injury in his answers to interrogatories."
- 23 MR. SMITH: Should I stop there and
- give you a chance to catch up, XXXXXX, or

- 1 should I keep going?
- 2 INTERPRETER XXXXXX: Sure.
- 3 MR. SMITH: Go ahead.
- 4 (Translating.)
- 5 BY MR. SMITH:
- 6 Q. "He is unaware of any facts that would
- 7 establish the defendants' responsibility for
- 8 that injury and, accordingly, does not here
- 9 pursue damages for this injury."
- 10 A. I don't know. I just know that I was
- 11 persecuted. I don't know if they were
- involved in it. My lawyers can answer that.
- 13 Through my lawyers investigation, they can
- 14 know.
- 15 Q. So are you aware, Mr. Salim, that you have
- 16 conceded that there are no facts that
- 17 establish the defendants' responsibility for
- this rape that you contend?
- 19 A. I can't, myself, I can't know who was
- 20 responsible. My lawyers, through their
- investigation, can answer that.
- 22 Q. I understand, but I'm asking the witness if he
- is aware that his lawyers have conceded that
- there are no facts to establish the

- defendants' responsibility.
- 2 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- 3 answer it.
- 4 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- 5 BY MR. SMITH:
- 6 Q. Is today the first day you're hearing about
- 7 it?
- 8 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- 9 answer.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 11 BY MR. SMITH:
- 12 Q. Okay. And is -- well, strike that.
- 13 Mr. Salim, I want to change subject
- 14 matters. After you left the salt pit, where
- 15 were you taken to?
- 16 A. Bagram.
- 17 Q. Who sent you to Bagram?
- 18 INTERPRETER XXXXXX: Who sent?
- MR. SMITH: You to Bagram.
- 20 A. I don't know him.
- 21 Q. How were you taken there?
- 22 A. Through a helicopter or airplane.
- 23 Q. Did you see the people who actually took you
- on the helicopter or the airplane?

- 1 A. I did not.
- 2 Q. Were you able to hear anything while you were
- 3 taken from the salt pit to Bagram?
- 4 A. I did not.
- 5 Q. Do you remember the conditions under which you
- 6 were transported?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 O. Can you describe them for me?
- 9 A. Two people came into the room where I was and
- they first took my pictures when I was naked.
- 11 After that, I was able -- I put on my clothes
- and then some people came to the room, very
- forceful, they handcuffed me and also my legs.
- 14 They covered my face. I had some speakers,
- 15 they put some speakers and glasses, then they
- 16 took me.
- 17 Q. Okay. And how did you know that you were
- 18 taken to Bagram?
- 19 A. I didn't know where I was going. So, because
- 20 up till living there, that's when I became
- 21 aware that I was in Bagram.
- 22 Q. Okay. Now, when you arrived at Bagram, where
- were you taken?
- 24 A. It was like a room.

- 1 Q. Can you describe the room?
- 2 A. So the room was like from here to here to the
- 3 wall. (Gesturing.)
- 4 Q. And would you say it was 3 meters by 3 meters?
- 5 A. I don't know anything about meters.
- 6 Q. Okay. How long were you kept in that room?
- 7 A. I'm not very sure, but I think it was between
- 8 one and a half week to two weeks.
- 9 Q. Okay. And while you were in the room for
- 10 those one and a half to two weeks, were you
- 11 permitted to go outside?
- 12 A. Maybe when I'm going to brush, and that's it.
- 13 Q. Was there light in the room?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Now, during that period of time that you were
- in this room for one and a half to two weeks,
- 17 were you interrogated by anyone?
- 18 A. They would come and take me to another place
- 19 for when they were asking me questions.
- 20 Q. How many times did that happen while you were
- in that room?
- 22 A. I don't recall.
- 23 O. And were these Americans who would come and
- 24 take you?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know if they were from the CIA?
- 3 A. I don't know.
- 4 Q. Do you know if they were from the United
- 5 States Army?
- 6 A. The people that were taking me from the room
- were from the Army, but the ones that were
- 8 asking questions, I didn't know where they
- 9 were from.
- 10 Q. Now, during the period of time that you were
- asked these questions, can you describe for me
- 12 what occurred?
- 13 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Just normal questions.
- 16 BY MR. SMITH:
- 17 Q. What kind of questions did they ask you?
- 18 A. The same questions that they asked me from the
- 19 beginning to the end.
- 20 Q. Have you told me about those questions?
- 21 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 24 BY MR. SMITH:

- 1 Q. Now, during that period for the first one and
- a half to two weeks, did anyone beat you?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Did anyone subject you to any of the things
- 5 that you testified occurred at darkness?
- 6 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 8 THE WITNESS: No.
- 9 BY MR. SMITH:
- 10 Q. After you were taken out of that room a week
- and a half or two weeks later, where did you
- 12 go next?
- 13 A. I was taken to another cell that was bigger.
- 14 Q. How much bigger was it?
- 15 A. Like this room.
- 16 Q. Okay. And were you the only one that was in
- 17 the cell?
- 18 A. Other people.
- 19 Q. How many other people?
- 20 A. It depends. There are times there would be 10
- 21 people, sometimes 15.
- 22 Q. Okay. Where did you sleep?
- 23 A. They gave us like things like blankets to
- 24 sleep on.

- 1 Q. And how long were you kept in this cell?
- 2 A. That's where I was until I was released.
- 3 Q. Okay. Now, during the period of time that you
- 4 were in this cell, were you interrogated?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. How frequently were you interrogated?
- 7 A. I can't estimate because there would -- it
- 8 would be -- there would -- it would take a
- 9 long time before they come to inter -- to ask
- 10 me questions and there are times that they
- 11 would do it more often.
- 12 Q. And you don't recall the frequency or
- infrequency in which you were interrogated
- 14 while you were in this cell?
- 15 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 17 THE WITNESS: I can't recall.
- 18 MR. HOFFMAN: You have to give me a
- 19 chance to object.
- 20 BY MR. SMITH:
- 21 Q. Now, when you were interrogated, were you
- 22 taken to another room or did it occur in the
- 23 cell?
- 24 A. I was taken to another room.

- 1 Q. And was that the same room you were taken to
- when you were interrogated during that week
- 3 and a half to two weeks?
- 4 A. No, they kept on changing.
- 5 Q. Okay. Now, during the interrogations, during
- 6 that period that you were in the larger cell,
- 7 did anyone beat you?
- 8 A. Like soldiers or...
- 9 Q. Well, I don't want to -- the people that were
- interrogating you. So let me ask the question
- 11 again. I'll withdraw that one.
- 12 During the period of time that you
- were in the larger cell, you testified that
- 14 you were interrogated, correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And those interrogations would take place
- 17 after you were taken to another room for the
- interrogation, correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And during those interrogations, did anyone
- 21 beat you or injure you in any way?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. During the course of those interrogations, did
- 24 you sustain any injuries of any kind?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. And can you tell me what kinds of questions
- 3 were asked of you during those interrogations?
- 4 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but you can
- 5 answer.
- 6 THE WITNESS: The same questions.
- 7 BY MR. SMITH:
- 8 Q. You were released from Bagram in August of
- 9 2008, sir, is that correct?
- 10 A. I don't know the month, but I know it was in
- 11 2008.
- 12 Q. Now, during the period of time that you were
- in Bagram, you learned to speak English?
- 14 A. It's not like I was in a class, I trained for
- it, but just because the -- the guards that
- were talking to us were talking to us, were
- 17 communicating in English, so that's how I
- 18 picked up.
- 19 O. How did you learn about your release from
- 20 Bagram?
- 21 A. Rephrase your question.
- 22 Q. How did you learn about your release from
- 23 Bagram?
- 24 A. Before I was discharged, the Red Cross people

- 1 came.
- 2 Q. Had you ever been in contact with the Red
- 3 Cross people before that?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. When were you first in communication with
- 6 someone from the Red Cross?
- 7 A. I can't remember.
- 8 O. How many times were you in communication with
- 9 someone from the Red Cross?
- 10 A. I think about two times.
- 11 Q. Okay. Do you remember what you talked about?
- 12 A. They wanted to -- me to write a letter that
- was being taken home.
- 14 O. To whom? A letter to whom?
- 15 A. My moms, my mothers.
- 16 Q. Now, Mr. Salim, am I to understand correctly
- 17 that the only -- strike that -- that the
- damages you're seeking in this case concern
- 19 the treatment that you were subjected to at
- 20 darkness?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but you can
- answer.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 24 BY MR. SMITH:

- 1 Q. Have you ever heard the expression "big boss"?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Had you ever heard of Dr. Mitchell's name
- 4 before you met the lawyers from the ACLU?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Had you ever heard of Dr. Jessen's name before
- 7 you met the lawyers from the ACLU?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Mr. Salim, when did you first learn about the
- 10 possibility of bringing this lawsuit?
- 11 A. I can't remember the year.
- 12 Q. How did you learn?
- 13 A. Through a Tanzanian lawyer.
- 14 Q. What was the name of the Tanzanian lawyer?
- 15 A. M for Mary, K for kilo, O for orange, N for
- Nancy, O for orange.
- 17 MR. SMITH: Could you spell that
- again for me, Mary (sic)?
- 19 INTERPRETER XXXXXX: M for Mary.
- 20 MR. SMITH: You can skip the Mary
- 21 stuff. Just M-K.
- 22 INTERPRETER XXXXXX: M-K-O-N-O.
- 23 BY MR. SMITH:
- Q. Did you know this lawyer M-K-O-N-O?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. How did you know him?
- Was it a him or a her?
- 4 A. Him.
- 5 Q. It's a man. Okay. How did you know this
- 6 lawyer?
- 7 A. He's somebody that is known. He's known as a
- 8 lawyer.
- 9 Q. How did you know him?
- 10 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 12 THE WITNESS: He's just known as a
- lawyer.
- 14 BY MR. SMITH:
- 15 Q. He's known as a lawyer where?
- 16 A. In Tanzania.
- 17 Q. And did he contact you or did you contact him?
- 18 A. I am the one who went to him.
- 19 Q. And why did you go to him?
- 20 A. I wanted to get to have my rights.
- 21 Q. And what action did he take on your behalf?
- 22 A. He got another lawyer.
- 23 Q. And what lawyer did he get?
- 24 A. Clara.

- 1 Q. Who is Clara?
- 2 A. A she.
- 3 O. No, who is she?
- 4 A. The lawyer.
- 5 Q. What is her full name?
- 6 A. I just know Clara.
- 7 O. Okay. And where is she from?
- 8 A. England.
- 9 Q. And what action did Clara take on your behalf?
- 10 A. She helped look for other attorneys.
- 11 Q. Okay. And did she find another attorney for
- 12 you?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 O. Who did she find?
- 15 A. ACLU.
- 16 Q. When were you first in contact with the ACLU?
- 17 A. I don't remember the date.
- 18 Q. Okay. You filed this lawsuit in October of
- 19 2015. Are you aware of that?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 O. You don't know when the lawsuit was filed?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. How many times had you met with
- 24 representatives of the ACLU before October

- 1 2015?
- 2 A. I can't remember how many times.
- 3 Q. Did you ever meet with any representatives
- 4 from the ACLU before October 2015?
- 5 A. I don't know the year, but I know I -- I met
- 6 them, but I don't know the year.
- 7 Q. Do you know if that meeting took place before
- 8 or after the lawsuit was filed?
- 9 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I can't recall.
- 12 BY MR. SMITH:
- 13 Q. Where did the meeting take place?
- 14 A. Dubai.
- MR. HOFFMAN: Object. Just give me
- 16 a chance.
- 17 INTERPRETER XXXXXX: Okay.
- 18 MR. HOFFMAN: I'm going to object to
- the prior question, but he can answer, so
- that's fine.
- 21 BY MR. SMITH:
- 22 Q. Who was present at this meeting?
- 23 A. Steven.
- 24 Q. Anyone else?

- 1 A. Clara.
- 2 Q. Anyone else?
- 3 A. I don't remember.
- 4 Q. Was there an interpreter present?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Does Clara speak Swahili?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 O. When you met with Clara and Steven in Dubai,
- 9 did everyone speak English at the meeting?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. How long did you meet for?
- 12 A. I can't remember. It was just a few days.
- 13 Q. Now, during the meeting -- are you saying the
- 14 meeting went on for several days?
- 15 A. Something like that.
- 16 Q. Now, over the course of two days, did you have
- 17 any difficulty understanding them?
- 18 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 21 BY MR. SMITH:
- 22 Q. Who paid for you to go to Dubai?
- 23 A. I remember it was Clara.
- 24 Q. Can you place the witness -- before the

- witness Exhibit No. 8.
- 2 Mr. Salim, did you authorize the
- 3 American Civil Liberties Union to file this
- 4 document on your behalf?
- 5 A. I don't know.
- 6 Q. Did you ever review this document at any time
- prior to when I showed it to you yesterday,
- 8 this document being Exhibit 8?
- 9 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 11 THE WITNESS: No.
- 12 BY MR. SMITH:
- 13 Q. Why don't we take a -- well, let me just cover
- one other subject and we'll take a break.
- Mr. Salim, have you ever heard of
- 16 the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
- 17 report that was prepared in connection with
- matters that are embodied in your complaint?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. When did you hear about it?
- 21 A. I don't remember the date.
- 22 Q. Let me show you what we're going to mark in
- the case as Exhibit No. 15.
- 24

1 (Whereupon, Salim Exhibit No. 15 was

- 2 marked for identification.)
- 3 Q. Have you seen Exhibit 15 before today?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Do you know if Exhibit No. 15 is the Senate
- 6 Select Committee on Intelligence report?
- 7 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- 10 BY MR. SMITH:
- 11 Q. No one has ever shown this document to you in
- 12 any language, English or Swahili?
- 13 A. I don't remember.
- 14 Q. Were you ever interviewed by anyone following
- 15 your release from Bagram about the
- 16 circumstances of your captivity?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 MR. HOFFMAN: Do you think a break
- 19 would be okay right now?
- MR. SMITH: Sure.
- 21 VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 10:04.
- We're off the record.
- 23 (Brief pause.)
- 24 VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the

- 1 record. The time is 10:24.
- 2 BY MR. SMITH:
- 3 Q. Mr. Salim, I understand from your lawyers that
- 4 there's something you'd like to say for the
- 5 record.
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 O. What would you like to say?
- 8 A. You asked me if I have ever interviewed ever
- 9 since I left. (Translating.) You said -- you
- 10 asked me if anybody interviewed me after this
- 11 report came out?
- 12 Q. What -- Mr. Salim, whatever you'd like to say
- for the record, I'm giving you an opportunity
- to say it. What would you like to say, sir?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Could you have the
- last question that you asked reread? I think
- 17 he asked for that before. And that may be the
- easiest way to get at this.
- 19 MR. SMITH: Why don't we read back
- the question for the witness.
- 21 (Whereupon, the record was read back
- by the court reporter as follows:
- 23 "QUESTION: Were you ever
- interviewed by anyone following your

- 1 release from Bagram about the
- 2 circumstances of your captivity?
- 3 "ANSWER: No.")
- THE WITNESS: Yes, I've ever been
- 5 interviewed, based on...
- 6 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, yes?
- 7 INTERPRETER XXXXXX: The answer is
- 8 yes.
- 9 BY MR. SMITH:
- 10 Q. Who interviewed you?
- 11 A. I remember the name James.
- 12 Q. Spell it, please.
- 13 A. J-A-M-E-S.
- Q. Oh, James. Do you remember James's last name?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. And just so I'm not assuming anything, was
- James this person's first name?
- 18 A. I just know a James from New York Times.
- 19 Q. Now, did you forget about this interview when
- you originally answered my question "no"?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And who reminded you about this interview?
- 23 A. Myself.
- Q. Oh. So your lawyers didn't remind you of this

- interview during the last break?
- 2 A. They reminded me.
- 3 Q. They reminded you. Okay.
- 4 When did this interview take place?
- 5 A. In Dubai.
- 6 Q. But when did it take place?
- 7 A. I don't know.
- 8 O. Who was present for the interview?
- 9 A. My lawyer.
- 10 Q. Which lawyer?
- 11 A. Steven.
- 12 Q. Did this interview take place in Dubai during
- the same trip in which you met Steven and
- 14 Clara?
- 15 A. I don't remember.
- 16 Q. How many times have you been to Dubai in
- 17 connection with this case?
- 18 A. I don't remember.
- 19 Q. Do you know if following the interview the
- New York Times had a report? Let me strike
- 21 that. Start all over again.
- Do you know if following this
- 23 interview with this person named James that an
- article appeared in the New York Times?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Did you see the article?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Who showed you the article?
- 5 A. My lawyer.
- 6 Q. Was the article shown to you in English or in
- 7 Swahili?
- 8 A. English.
- 9 Q. And did you read the article in English?
- 10 A. I did not read it.
- 11 Q. Let me hand to you what we're going to mark as
- 12 Exhibit No. 18.
- 13 (Whereupon, Salim Exhibit No. 18 was
- marked for identification.)
- 15 Q. Do you recognize what's been marked as Exhibit
- No. 18 as an article that appeared in the
- New York Times on October 12th, 2016, entitled
- 18 "After Torture, Ex-Detainee Still Captive of
- 'The Darkness'"?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but he can
- answer.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 23 BY MR. SMITH:
- 24 Q. And the James that you made reference to from

- 1 the New York Times, was it James Risen?
- 2 A. I only know James. I don't know Risen.
- 3 Q. And do you recall now, looking at Exhibit
- 4 No. 18, if you met with James and your lawyer,
- 5 Mr. Steven Watt, in Dubai in October of 2016?
- 6 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- 7 answer.
- 8 THE WITNESS: I don't remember the
- 9 year, but we were in Dubai.
- 10 BY MR. SMITH:
- 11 Q. So you can't tell me if you met with James and
- Mr. Watt last October, is that your testimony?
- 13 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 15 THE WITNESS: I met them, but I
- 16 don't know the man.
- 17 BY MR. SMITH:
- 18 Q. You met them last year?
- 19 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- 22 BY MR. SMITH:
- 23 Q. So you don't know the month or the year in
- 24 which you met with James from the New York

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Times in Dubai, is that your testimony?

MR. HOFFMAN: Objection.

(Translating.)

4 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection.

5 (Translating.)

6 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but you can

7 answer.

8 THE WITNESS: Yes.

9 BY MR. SMITH:

10 Q. Now, during the -- strike that.

11 Who set this meeting up with James

12 from the New York Times?

MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but you can

answer.

15 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

16 BY MR. SMITH:

17 Q. Who told you about it?

18 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but you can

answer.

20 THE WITNESS: About what?

21 BY MR. SMITH:

22 Q. About the meeting.

23 A. Repeat your question.

Q. Who told you about the meeting with James in

- 1 Dubai?
- 2 A. My lawyer.
- 3 Q. And who paid for you to come to Dubai to be
- 4 interviewed by James?
- 5 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but you can
- 6 answer.
- 7 THE WITNESS: I don't remember.
- 8 BY MR. SMITH:
- 9 Q. You didn't pay for it, did you?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Now, during the course of this interview, do
- 12 you recall if you were asked questions about
- my clients, Drs. Mitchell and Jessen?
- 14 A. I don't remember.
- 15 Q. Turn, if you would, to the last page of
- 16 Exhibit No. 18. Do you see where it says on
- the top of the page, first paragraph, quote:
- 18 "He is now a plaintiff in a lawsuit against
- 19 two CIA contractors who helped devise and run
- the brutal interrogation program of which he
- 21 was a part."
- Do you see that, sir?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Well, I'll object to
- that, it's not a quote.

1 MR. SMITH: No. I'm quoting from

- 2 the document.
- 3 MR. HOFFMAN: Oh. Well, but the way
- 4 you asked it, it made it sound like that was a
- 5 quote.
- 6 MR. SMITH: Maybe it sounded that
- 7 way to you, but that's not what I said. I
- 8 said "do you see where it says, quote."
- 9 THE WITNESS: I don't remember
- 10 saying it.
- 11 BY MR. SMITH:
- 12 Q. So that was going to be my next question. Did
- you tell Mr. Risen, Mr. James Risen, that you
- were "a plaintiff in a lawsuit against two CIA
- 15 contractors who helped devise and run the
- brutal interrogation program" for which you
- were a part, did you say that to him?
- 18 A. I don't remember.
- 19 O. Who were the two CIA contractors that are
- 20 referenced there, do you know?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but you can
- answer.
- THE WITNESS: I don't know them.
- 24 BY MR. SMITH:

- 1 Q. Do you have any factual basis for the
- 2 proposition that two CIA contractors helped
- 3 devise and run the interrogation program that
- 4 you were subjected to?
- 5 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- 6 answer.
- 7 THE WITNESS: No.
- 8 BY MR. SMITH:
- 9 Q. Do you know if it was your lawyers who set up
- this interview with you with Mr. Risen, James
- 11 Risen?
- 12 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 14 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- 15 BY MR. SMITH:
- 16 Q. Do you know if the purpose of this interview
- 17 was to generate publicity about the lawsuit
- that had been filed against my clients?
- 19 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- 22 BY MR. SMITH:
- 23 Q. Did you ever speak to James again after the
- 24 meeting in Dubai?

- 1 A. No. No.
- 2 Q. Did you ever speak to anyone from the New York
- 3 Times other than or in addition to James?
- 4 A. None.
- 5 Q. So I want to go back, now, to Exhibit No. 15,
- 6 sir. Let me ask you, have you ever heard the
- 7 name Abu Talha al-Pakistani?
- 8 A. Never.
- 9 Q. Did you ever use that name as an alias?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Let me direct your attention to page 374 of
- 12 Exhibit No. 15.
- Mr. Salim, do you know a man named
- 14 Hassan Ghul?
- 15 A. I don't know him.
- 16 Q. Did you ever meet a person named Hassan Ghul?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Do you know an individual who uses the
- initials "KSM"?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Did you ever hear the name Khaled Sheikh
- Mohamed?
- 23 A. I've never heard.
- 24 Q. Do you know an individual by name of Ammar

- 1 al-Baluchi? Al, B-A-L-U-C-H-I.
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Do you know an individual by the name of Hamza
- 4 Rabi? R-A-B-I.
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Sir, I want you to direct -- I want to direct
- your attention to footnote No. 2110 on page
- 8 374 of Exhibit No. 15.
- 9 Do you see where it says "Hassan
- 10 Ghul stated that he knew Talha al-Pakistani,
- 11 a/k/a Suleiman"? Do you see that?
- 12 A. I can see here.
- 13 Q. Okay. Let me ask you again, did you ever use
- the alias Talha al-Pakistani?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 17 THE WITNESS: I've never.
- 18 BY MR. SMITH:
- 19 O. Reading on, it says -- strike that.
- Let me ask you, Mr. Salim, is there
- 21 something you find humorous about that?
- 22 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. Instruct
- 23 you not to answer. It's argumentative.
- MR. SMITH: No, it's not. I'm just

- 1 curious to know what the witness would find
- 2 humorous in that. He was just laughing on the
- 3 record.
- 4 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- 5 answer.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Because it's just
- 7 shocking to me.
- 8 BY MR. SMITH:
- 9 Q. Shocking. Mr. Salim, do you understand that
- 10 this document --
- 11 A. (Interrupting in Swahili.)
- 12 Q. Mr. Salim, do you understand this document,
- Exhibit 15, is a document that your lawyers
- are relying upon, in part, in connection with
- this lawsuit?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. And what you're saying is that the suggestion
- in this report that you were known, in fact it
- 19 is you, as an alias "Talha al-Pakistani" is
- 20 just false, is that right?
- MR. HOFFMAN: And I'll object
- that -- object, but he can answer.
- THE WITNESS: Not true.
- 24 BY MR. SMITH:

- 1 Q. Okay. Just go back to 2110 for a second,
- where it says Ghul -- second sentence: "Ghul
- 3 last saw Talha in Shkai around
- 4 October/November 2003."
- 5 Let me stop right there. Do you see
- 6 that?
- 7 A. (Translating.)
- 8 O. Do you see it?
- 9 A. I see it.
- 10 Q. Where is Shkai?
- 11 A. I don't know.
- 12 Q. Have you ever been there?
- 13 A. I don't know anybody there. I've never been
- 14 there.
- 15 Q. Okay. Were you ever at the residence of Hamza
- 16 Rabi? R-A-B-I.
- 17 A. I don't know him.
- 18 (Whereupon, Salim Exhibit No. 16 was
- marked for identification.)
- 20 Q. Mr. Salim, I'm going to hand you what we've
- 21 marked as Exhibit No. 16 for the record.
- Have you ever seen this document
- 23 before today?
- 24 A. No.

1 Q. I want to -- do you see your name appears in

- 2 the middle of the page?
- 3 A. I see.
- 4 Q. Are you seeking to recover damages for pain
- 5 related to the digits on your right hand with
- 6 resulting contractures?
- 7 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 10 BY MR. SMITH:
- 11 Q. And your right hand, I think you told us
- 12 yesterday, was broken by the Somalis?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And you received treatment for your hand while
- 15 you were in captivity by the United States, is
- 16 that right?
- 17 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 19 THE WITNESS: There was no
- 20 treatment. In fact, it was even -- they even
- 21 made it more painful.
- 22 BY MR. SMITH:
- 23 O. And how did the Americans make it more
- 24 painful?

- 1 A. While I was at "The Darkness," when they were
- 2 beating me, when they were hanging me, it was
- 3 just making these pains more painful.
- 4 Q. Now, do you presently experience pain in your
- 5 hands, presently?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Are you presently receiving any medical
- 8 treatment?
- 9 A. I just use traditional herbs at home.
- 10 Q. Okay. When is the last time you received
- 11 treatment for your hand injuries on your right
- 12 hand?
- 13 A. I never received any treatment.
- 14 Q. Do you know a person by the name of Sondra
- 15 Crosby?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Who is Sondra Crosby?
- 18 A. A doctor.
- 19 O. What kind of doctor?
- 20 A. I don't know. I just know her as a doctor.
- 21 Q. How did you come to know her?
- 22 A. She came with Clara.
- 23 Q. Came where with Clara?
- 24 A. In Zanzibar.

- 1 Q. When did you meet with Clara and Sondra Crosby
- 2 in Zanzibar?
- 3 A. I don't remember.
- 4 Q. Who else was present?
- 5 A. I don't remember who. I remember they came
- 6 with the lawyer. I have forgotten.
- 7 Q. And your testimony is that you never received
- 8 any medical treatment for the injuries to your
- 9 right hand, is that correct?
- 10 A. Let me tell you something, when I was at "The
- Darkness, when my fingers were hurting so
- bad, they wrapped something hard around my
- fingers.
- When they were beating me, there was
- some water that was coming out of it and then
- 16 my hands were hurting so bad. When I told
- them to treat me, they didn't do it.
- I went on strike and so they came
- and they removed the hard thing and, by then,
- 20 my hand was stinking and there was a cut from
- 21 here going down. (Gesturing.)
- 22 So they brought some -- a bowl with
- 23 water and they told me to put my hand -- to
- 24 put my hand in it. So that is what made the

- wound close and so if there's any treatment
- 2 that I can say, it was that.
- 3 Q. Okay. Well, when you met with Sondra Crosby,
- 4 what did you talk about?
- 5 A. I don't remember.
- 6 Q. How many times did you meet with Sondra
- 7 Crosby?
- 8 A. I think twice.
- 9 Q. So one time in Zanzibar?
- 10 A. And one time in Dar es Salaam. Dar es Salaam.
- 11 Q. Oh, Dar es Salaam.
- When did you meet with her in
- 13 Dar es Salaam?
- 14 A. I don't remember.
- 15 Q. How long did you meet with her in Zanzibar?
- 16 A. Like how many days?
- 17 O. Yes.
- 18 A. I don't remember.
- 19 Q. Same question with respect to Dar es Salaam.
- 20 A. About four days.
- 21 Q. Who else was present during that meeting?
- 22 A. Nobody else.
- 23 Q. Do you remember what you talked about?
- 24 A. I remember she was just asking me how I was

- doing.
- 2 Q. Do you remember anything else you talked
- 3 about?
- 4 A. I don't remember.
- 5 (Whereupon, Salim Exhibit No. 2 was
- 6 marked for identification.)
- 7 Q. I'm going to hand to you what's been marked
- for identification purposes as Exhibit No. 2.
- 9 Have you ever seen this document
- 10 before today?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. For the record, I'll identify it as a "Report
- of Dr. Sondra Crosby, MD." The report does
- 14 not have a date.
- You've never seen it before?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Do you have any memory of meeting with
- Dr. Crosby and Dr. Joan Nyanyuki,
- N-Y-A-N-Y-U-K-I, on May 16 and 17, 2010?
- 20 A. I don't remember.
- 21 Q. Do you have any memory of meeting with
- Dr. Crosby on October 7 through 10 of 2016?
- 23 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.

1 THE WITNESS: I remember meeting

- 2 him, but I don't remember the date.
- 3 BY MR. SMITH:
- 4 Q. Okay. Meeting him or her?
- 5 INTERPRETER XXXXXX: That is my --
- 6 MR. SMITH: Okay.
- 7 INTERPRETER XXXXXX: -- mistake.
- 8 MR. SMITH: Meeting her. Okay.
- 9 INTERPRETER XXXXXX: Right. Yeah.
- 10 BY MR. SMITH:
- 11 Q. Turn, if you would, to page 8 of Exhibit
- No. 2. Do you see toward the top of the page,
- it says: "Afghanistan: "The Darkness."
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 A. I see.
- 16 Q. Do you see in paragraph 41, it says, quote:
- 17 "Mr. Salim was blindfolded and taken to see a
- 18 doctor"?
- 19 INTERPRETER XXXXXX: Which
- 20 paragraph?
- MR. SMITH: Forty-one.
- 22 INTERPRETER XXXXXX: Oh, okay.
- 23 (Translating.)
- 24 THE WITNESS: Where?

- 1 BY MR. SMITH:
- 2 Q. Page 41 -- or paragraph 41 on page 8, do you
- 3 see where it says "Mr. Salim was blindfolded
- 4 and taken to see a doctor"?
- 5 A. I see, but in which jail?
- 6 Q. Well, I don't know. It says "Afghanistan:
- 7 "The Darkness" in her report.
- 8 MR. HOFFMAN: The only question was
- 9 "did you see it." That's all, right now.
- THE WITNESS: Sorry.
- 11 MR. HOFFMAN: The only question that
- he was asked is did he see it, then he's going
- to ask more questions.
- 14 THE WITNESS: I see it.
- 15 BY MR. SMITH:
- 16 Q. Did you tell Dr. Crosby that while you were
- 17 being held in captivity at "The Darkness" that
- 18 you were taken to see a doctor?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Were you taken to see a doctor?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Did you tell Dr. Crosby that when you saw that
- 23 doctor, that the doctor x-rayed your fingers?
- 24 A. It wasn't like a big x-ray machine, it was

- 1 something like a laptop that I put my finger
- 2 on.
- 3 Q. Did you understand it to be an x-ray?
- 4 A. They told me.
- 5 Q. So did you tell Dr. Crosby that when you were
- 6 taken to see this doctor that this doctor at
- 7 the facility that you refer to as "The
- 8 Darkness" did an x-ray on your hand?
- 9 A. Something like that.
- 10 Q. And did you tell Dr. Crosby that the doctor
- 11 had told you, following the x-ray, that your
- 12 fingers were fractured?
- 13 A. I remember, yes.
- 14 Q. And did you tell -- in fact, the doctor did
- tell you that your fingers were fractured,
- 16 isn't that right?
- 17 A. Something like that, I remember.
- 18 Q. And the doctor then placed your hand in a
- 19 cast, or your fingers, isn't that right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And you told Dr. Crosby that, right, when she
- interviewed you, right?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And this was during the same period of time

- 1 that you were being given medicine for -- to
- 2 help deal with the pain in your hand, correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Now, am I to understand, sir, that after you
- 5 saw this doctor, whoever these people were at
- 6 the facility continued to subject you to
- 7 beatings and shackles and the things that you
- 8 described yesterday?
- 9 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but he can
- answer.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 12 BY MR. SMITH:
- 13 Q. Did the doctor have anything to do with the
- 14 decision to continue -- let me finish the
- 15 question. Let me strike that and start all
- over again.
- 17 Mr. Salim, do you know if the doctor
- 18 was in any way involved in the decision to
- 19 expose you to those conditions or put you
- 20 through those conditions?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Objection and you can
- answer.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 24 BY MR. SMITH:

- 1 Q. Tell me what factual information you have that
- the doctor was involved.
- 3 A. After the x-ray and after wrapping the thing
- 4 on my hand, that's when the beatings started.
- 5 Q. Okay. But how do you know that the doctor had
- 6 anything to do with the decision to beat you
- or do any of the other things that happened to
- 8 you?
- 9 A. After examining me and like examining my body,
- 10 the doctor said "take him."
- 11 Q. Okay. Are you saying that the doctor gave
- orders to beat you and engage in the other
- activities that you were subjected to?
- 14 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 16 THE WITNESS: He said "take him."
- 17 He didn't say they do it.
- 18 BY MR. SMITH:
- 19 Q. Okay. Take him back to your cell, is that
- what he said?
- 21 A. I don't know.
- 22 Q. Okay. Let's go back to Exhibit No. 16. Do
- 23 you see the second item under your name
- 24 "musculoskeletal pain of the arms, shoulders

- and upper back, do you see that?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Are you presently experiencing any pain in
- 4 your arms, shoulders or upper back?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. How frequently?
- 7 A. All the time.
- 8 Q. In your arms, shoulders and upper back?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Are you presently experiencing pain as we
- 11 speak?
- 12 A. I have.
- 13 Q. Can you -- can you describe for me the pain
- that you're experiencing in your arms?
- 15 A. It's bad pain.
- 16 Q. Can you show me where in your arms it hurts
- 17 and describe the pain?
- 18 A. On the back, here. (Gesturing.)
- 19 O. In your back. Okay.
- Is there pain in your arms,
- 21 Mr. Salim?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Are you presently experiencing pain in your
- 24 jaw?

- 1 A. No. Right now, no, but I do experience it
- 2 sometimes.
- 3 Q. When was the last time you experienced pain in
- 4 your jaw?
- 5 A. I can't remember, but anytime I laugh, I get
- 6 the pain, or if I chew something, the pain
- 7 comes.
- 8 Q. Are you presently experiencing any pain in
- 9 your knees?
- 10 A. Right now?
- 11 Q. Yes.
- 12 A. Not now.
- 13 Q. When is the last time you experienced pain in
- 14 your knees?
- 15 A. I can't remember.
- 16 Q. Do you -- for the pain that you describe in
- 17 your back, are you receiving any medical
- 18 treatment?
- 19 A. Herbal medication, like the traditional herbs.
- 20 Q. What are herbs?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Herbs.
- MR. SMITH: Oh, herbs.
- MR. HOFFMAN: Herbs.
- MR. SMITH: Okay.

- 1 BY MR. SMITH:
- 2 Q. What kind of herbal medication are you taking
- 3 for your back?
- 4 A. You can't know, they are just some leaves,
- 5 traditional leaves that she -- I put on my
- 6 back.
- 7 Q. Are you presently having any issues with your
- 8 nose or sinuses?
- 9 A. I have problem with my nose.
- 10 Q. I'm sorry?
- 11 A. I have problem with my nose.
- 12 Q. Are you getting any medical treatment for your
- nose?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Are you experiencing any difficulties with
- 16 your sinuses?
- 17 A. Mostly, when my head is hurting, then I get
- 18 pain in my nose.
- 19 Q. Okay. How frequently do you get the pain in
- 20 your nose?
- 21 A. Not so frequent.
- Q. When is the last time you had it?
- 23 A. I can't remember.
- 24 Q. And you mentioned headaches. Do you -- are

- 1 you experiencing problems with headaches?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. How frequently are you experiencing this
- 4 problem?
- 5 A. Many times.
- 6 Q. Can you be more specific about the frequency
- 7 of these headaches?
- 8 A. I can't tell you the frequency, but I feel
- 9 pain. Like last night, I had headache. This
- 10 morning, I had headache. But sometimes it
- 11 hurts a lot, sometimes it doesn't.
- 12 Q. Do you have a headache now?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And do you know what tends to bring on these
- 15 headaches?
- 16 A. Sometimes it just comes by itself.
- 17 Q. Okay. Are you getting any medical treatment
- 18 for the headaches?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Are you taking anything for the headaches, any
- 21 medications?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Last night, when you had a headache, did you
- 24 take some aspirin?

- 1 A. No.
- Q. Is there a reason why you don't take any
- 3 aspirin?
- 4 A. I just don't want, myself.
- 5 Q. You mentioned yesterday that you experience
- 6 episodes of dizziness. Do you recall that,
- 7 Mr. Salim?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. How frequently are you experiencing these
- 10 episodes of dizziness?
- 11 A. Many times.
- 12 Q. Is it -- does it occur on a daily basis?
- 13 A. Mostly, if I bend a lot --
- 14 Q. Sorry, if I?
- 15 A. I bend --
- 16 O. Okay.
- 17 A. -- a lot, when I try to stand up, I get
- 18 dizziness. Like when I'm fishing, it forces
- me to bend. And now, when I want to stand up,
- I have to hold like this. (Gesturing.)
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. Before I stand.
- 23 Q. Are you getting any medical treatment for this
- 24 condition?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Are you taking any medication?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Is there a reason why you don't see a doctor
- 5 about these dizzy episodes?
- 6 A. There's no doctor. If you go to the doctor,
- 7 they just give you Panadol. Panadol is like
- 8 Tylenol.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- MR. HOFFMAN: Have you reached a
- 11 stopping point or...
- MR. SMITH: You mean you want to
- 13 take a break?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Well, I mean, I don't
- want to interrupt if you're in the middle of
- something.
- 17 MR. SMITH: We can take a break.
- MR. HOFFMAN: Okay.
- 19 VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 11:20.
- We're off the record.
- 21 (Brief pause.)
- VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record.
- 23 The time is 11:36.
- 24 BY MR. SMITH:

- 1 Q. Mr. Salim, are you seeking, as part of your
- damages in this case, to recover for symptoms
- 3 relating to weakness and fatigue?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Are you presently experiencing symptoms
- 6 relating to weakness and fatigue?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 O. Can you describe for me those symptoms?
- 9 A. I just feel like I'm so tired and the whole
- 10 body is painful.
- 11 Q. And are you getting any medical treatment for
- 12 this condition?
- 13 A. Traditional herbs.
- Q. Can you tell me what you mean by that?
- 15 A. Traditional medicine.
- 16 O. What kind of medicine?
- 17 A. Just like herbs.
- 18 Q. Herbs?
- 19 A. Yeah.
- 20 Q. Okay. Have you sought any medical advice
- 21 related to this condition?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Mr. Salim, I want to ask you about your eating
- habits. Do you eat regular meals every day?

- 1 A. I eat every day.
- Q. Okay. For example, today, did you have any
- 3 meals?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Okay. And can you describe for me what your
- 6 -- how many meals a day you have?
- 7 A. Most of the time, twice.
- 8 O. Okay.
- 9 A. A day.
- 10 Q. And is that breakfast and dinner?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. May I ask you, what did you have for breakfast
- 13 today?
- 14 A. Fine.
- 15 Q. What did you have?
- 16 A. Banana.
- 17 O. One banana?
- 18 A. They brought bananas that were cut in pieces,
- so I don't know whether they were -- the
- 20 number.
- 21 Q. Okay. And is that, typically, what you have
- 22 for breakfast?
- 23 A. Ever since I came here, I've been having that.
- 24 Q. Okay. How about back home?

- 1 A. I eat fish and soup in the morning.
- 2 O. And how about for dinner?
- 3 A. It depends. Sometimes fish and bread or fish
- 4 with something else.
- 5 Q. Okay. And do you drink water?
- 6 A. Sometimes I drink, sometimes just a little.
- 7 Q. And what other types of beverages do you drink
- 8 in addition to water?
- 9 A. I don't really drink that much. Sometimes I
- 10 drink juice, but just sometimes.
- 11 Q. Mr. Suleiman, have you ever asked your -- a
- 12 doctor whether or not some of these
- 13 conditions, like dizziness and headaches and
- fatigue, were related to your diet?
- 15 A. Which doctor?
- 16 O. Any doctor.
- 17 A. I've never.
- 18 Q. You never asked?
- 19 A. I don't remember.
- 20 Q. Do you know what a flashback is?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. What is a flashback?
- 23 A. Like thinking of something that happened
- 24 before.

- 1 Q. Okay. Do you experience flashbacks?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And what do you flash back to?
- 4 A. It depends.
- 5 Q. What does it depend upon?
- 6 A. Depends with what I'm -- what I'm thinking at
- 7 that time.
- 8 O. But do you tend to flash back to one
- 9 particular thing or many things?
- 10 A. Most of the time, one thing.
- 11 Q. Okay. And what is that thing?
- 12 A. Tortured, being tortured.
- 13 Q. So what happened to you at darkness?
- 14 A. Most of the time, yes.
- 15 Q. And what -- if it's not a flashback to
- 16 darkness, what is the flashback to?
- 17 A. Bagram and salt pit.
- 18 Q. Okay. When is the last time you had a
- 19 flashback to Bagram?
- 20 A. Today.
- 21 Q. Can you describe for me what happened?
- 22 A. I -- (translating.) I was seeing myself like
- I'm in a cell in Bagram. I was seeing myself
- like I was in a cell in Bagram.

- 1 Q. And how long did that flashback last?
- 2 A. It comes and goes. It comes and goes.
- 3 Q. How many times did it happen today?
- 4 A. One or two times.
- 5 Q. How long did the flashback last?
- 6 A. I don't know like how long it took.
- 7 Q. And do you experience any physical symptoms
- 8 during this flashback?
- 9 A. It depends with what I'm remembering or
- thinking.
- 11 Q. Okay. And when is the last time you had a
- 12 flashback to darkness?
- 13 A. Right now.
- 14 O. And are the flashbacks to darkness different
- than the flashbacks to Bagram or salt pit?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Mr. Salim, you were taken out of darkness 13
- 18 years ago. Does that sound right?
- 19 A. I don't know how to count those years.
- 20 Q. Okay. So I think you were taken into
- 21 captivity in 2003. I think that's what you
- told me yesterday.
- Do you remember that?
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And you were kept in that darkness, as you
- 2 refer to it, for approximately two months?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And that was some 13 or 14 years ago, right?
- 5 A. I don't know about the years.
- 6 Q. Now, these flashbacks, how long have you been
- 7 experiencing them?
- 8 A. I have answered you that it depends with what
- 9 I'm thinking.
- 10 Q. Okay. Have you been experiencing flashbacks
- for the last 13 or 14 years?
- 12 A. Ever since I was in jail, I get those
- flashbacks.
- 14 Q. Okay. And has the frequency of the flashbacks
- increased or decreased with the passage of
- 16 time?
- 17 A. It depends.
- 18 Q. What does it depend upon?
- 19 A. If I am working, like I'm doing something, I
- don't get flashback that much as compared to
- when I'm not doing anything.
- 22 Q. Okay. And are you receiving any medical
- treatment for these flashbacks?
- 24 A. No.

- 1 Q. Are you taking any medication for the
- 2 flashbacks?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Is there a reason why you're not getting
- 5 medical treatment for the flashbacks?
- 6 A. I see like it's going to make me crazy so
- 7 there's no need of taking me -- taking
- 8 medication, like it's going to have some
- 9 mental effect.
- 10 O. The medication will?
- 11 A. That's what I'm thinking.
- 12 Q. Well, do you think if you go see a doctor that
- 13 you may get better?
- 14 A. There's no doctor in Zanzibar that can tell me
- 15 that.
- 16 Q. Did you ever try to find a doctor in Zanzibar
- 17 to treat you?
- 18 A. No doctor.
- 19 Q. Did you try -- did you try to find a doctor in
- 20 Zanzibar to treat you?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. He can
- answer.
- THE WITNESS: None.
- 24 BY MR. SMITH:

- 1 Q. Does that mean he looked and he couldn't find
- one or does that mean he never looked?
- 3 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. He can
- 4 answer.
- 5 THE WITNESS: I never looked.
- 6 BY MR. SMITH:
- 7 Q. Why didn't you look?
- 8 A. I don't know.
- 9 Q. Do you contend that you suffer a brain injury
- as a result of what happened to you in
- 11 captivity?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Object, but he can
- answer.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 15 BY MR. SMITH:
- 16 Q. What is the brain injury?
- 17 A. A lot of headaches.
- 18 Q. Who diagnosed, if anyone, that you have a
- 19 brain injury?
- 20 A. Nobody.
- 21 Q. But you think these headaches that you're
- 22 experiencing are related to some sort of
- 23 injury to your brain?
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. But a doctor has never told you that?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. And you never saw a doctor to seek treatment
- 4 for these headaches, correct?
- 5 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- 6 answer.
- 7 THE WITNESS: No.
- 8 BY MR. SMITH:
- 9 Q. Are you suffering, presently, from a condition
- 10 related to ringing in your ears?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Can you describe for me that condition?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 O. Please do.
- 15 A. At times, I feel noise, like something just --
- 16 a sound like (making inaudible noise) and then
- 17 sometimes it's like something just going like
- pop, pop, pop, pop in my ear.
- 19 Q. Okay. How frequently do you experience that
- 20 condition?
- 21 A. The one that gives me the sounds of pop, pop,
- 22 pop doesn't happen more frequently, but the
- 23 sound, many times.
- 24 Q. Many times a day?

- 1 A. I'm not very sure, but I can say like in a
- 2 day, maybe one time.
- 3 Q. Are you seeking any treatment for this
- 4 condition?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Have you seen a doctor?
- 7 A. For that condition, no.
- 8 Q. Are you taking any medication?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Has a doctor ever diagnosed what the cause is
- of the ringing in the ears?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Do you know what post-traumatic stress
- 14 disorder is?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Has a doctor ever advised you that you are
- 17 suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder?
- 18 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but he can
- answer.
- THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- 21 BY MR. SMITH:
- 22 Q. Have you ever seen a doctor for treatment for
- 23 symptoms related to post-traumatic stress
- 24 disorder?

1 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but he can

- answer.
- 3 THE WITNESS: I don't know what that
- 4 is.
- 5 BY MR. SMITH:
- 6 Q. Are you presently experiencing any feelings of
- 7 isolation?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Can you describe them?
- 10 A. I don't feel like being with people, I like
- 11 being with myself, and I don't like walking
- 12 around to see people.
- 13 Q. And when did you start experiencing that
- 14 feeling?
- 15 A. Ever since I came from jail.
- 16 Q. And prior to the time that you were taken into
- captivity, arrested in 2003, I guess, were you
- 18 experiencing that feeling?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Are you seeking any medical advice or
- 21 treatment related to this condition?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Do you know, are you familiar with the concept
- of depression?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Have you ever heard of the medical condition
- 3 depression?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Are you familiar with the concept of
- 6 hopelessness?
- 7 A. How?
- 8 Q. Well, are you presently experiencing feelings
- 9 of hopelessness?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Can you describe them for the record?
- 12 A. I feel like I'm so weak and I can't do
- anything.
- 14 Q. Are you seeking any treatment for that
- 15 condition?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Are you presently experiencing any difficulty
- 18 with your sleeping habits?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Can you describe it?
- 21 A. Sometimes I can go to bed and I sleep about
- two or three hours, then I wake up and I don't
- 23 go back to sleep.
- 24 Q. How frequently does that occur?

- 1 A. It's almost every day.
- 2 Q. Are you saying that you only sleep two to
- 3 three hours a day?
- 4 A. Most of the time, but when I go fishing, when
- I come back, I sleep well.
- 6 Q. Have you -- have you attempted to get any
- 7 medical treatment for this sleeping disorder?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Why not?
- 10 A. I don't know why.
- 11 Q. Mr. Salim, when is the last time you went to a
- doctor for a checkup, a physical checkup?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but he can
- answer.
- THE WITNESS: I don't remember.
- 16 BY MR. SMITH:
- 17 Q. When is the last time you went to a doctor for
- 18 treatment of any kind?
- 19 A. I don't remember, but I went for my ears.
- 20 Q. When was that?
- 21 A. I don't remember. It was -- my eyes -- I had
- 22 eyes problem and I went for the ears, also,
- and it was also for my legs.
- Q. And you don't remember when?

- 1 A. I don't remember.
- 2 Q. Do you remember the name of the doctor?
- 3 A. I don't.
- 4 Q. Was it five or more years ago that you went
- 5 and saw this doctor?
- 6 A. Not that much, but long.
- 7 O. Where was the doctor located?
- 8 A. In Zanzibar.
- 9 Q. What was the doctor's name?
- 10 A. I don't know.
- 11 Q. And did the doctor give you any medical
- 12 advice?
- 13 A. For which condition?
- 14 O. For any and all of the conditions.
- MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. He can
- answer.
- 17 THE WITNESS: For the ears, they
- 18 gave me medication.
- 19 BY MR. SMITH:
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. For my eyes, they gave me glasses and I was
- given medication, too. For my knees, they did
- 23 some injection and they took out fluid.
- 24 Q. Anything else?

- 1 A. I don't remember.
- 2 Q. Do you remember the medication you were given
- 3 for your ears?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Did you take the medication?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. For how long did you take the medication?
- 8 A. I don't remember for how long, but I never
- 9 finished the dose.
- 10 Q. And do you know why you didn't finish the
- 11 dose?
- 12 A. When I started feeling better, I left it.
- 13 Q. So the medication was helping your ear
- 14 condition?
- 15 A. I didn't see -- it was pointless for me so I
- 16 just decided to quit.
- 17 Q. Well, Mr. Salim, I thought you said that the
- medication was helping the condition with your
- 19 ears.
- 20 A. It's not that the pain went away, but it
- 21 reduced.
- 22 Q. Okay. So why didn't you keep taking the
- 23 medication if the pain was reduced?
- 24 A. I just don't want it.

- 1 Q. And were you given medication with your -- for
- 2 your eye condition?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Did you take that medication?
- 5 A. Yeah, it was like an ointment and I used it.
- 6 Q. Did you continue to use it?
- 7 A. I used a little -- a little of it.
- 8 Q. Okay. Did you use up the whole prescription?
- 9 A. I don't remember.
- 10 Q. Are you taking that medication presently?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Why did you stop taking it?
- 13 A. I just don't want it.
- 14 Q. Were you given medication for your knees?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Did you take that medication?
- 17 A. A little.
- 18 Q. Why did you stop?
- 19 A. I just didn't want it.
- 20 Q. Was the medication helping the condition of
- 21 your knees?
- 22 A. It did not help.
- 23 Q. Well, do you think if you would have kept
- 24 taking it that it may have helped?

1 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. He can

- answer.
- 3 THE WITNESS: It can't help me.
- 4 BY MR. SMITH:
- 5 Q. Did the doctor tell you to stop taking the
- 6 medication or was that your decision?
- 7 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but he can
- answer.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Myself.
- 10 BY MR. SMITH:
- 11 Q. Did the doctor want you to continue taking the
- 12 medication?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. He can
- answer.
- THE WITNESS: I didn't go to the
- 16 doctor.
- 17 BY MR. SMITH:
- 18 Q. Who gave you the medication for your knees?
- 19 A. Doctor.
- 20 Q. A doctor?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Do you remember the doctor's name?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Objection.
- THE WITNESS: I don't.

- 1 BY MR. SMITH:
- 2 Q. Do you remember any of the doctors' names who
- gave you any treatment that you've described
- 4 here today?
- 5 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but he can
- 6 answer.
- 7 THE WITNESS: No.
- 8 BY MR. SMITH:
- 9 Q. So that I understand, the doctor who treated
- 10 you for your knees recommended to you to take
- 11 medication, but you decided not to take it, is
- 12 that right?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. He can
- answer.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 16 BY MR. SMITH:
- 17 Q. Do you have any memory of any of the
- discussions you had with Dr. Crosby?
- 19 A. No, I don't.
- 20 Q. Do you have any memory of any of the
- discussions you had with Dr. Nyanyuki? That's
- N-Y-A-N-Y-U-K-I.
- MR. HOFFMAN: Object, but you can
- 24 answer.

- 1 THE WITNESS: I don't remember. I
- don't remember.
- 3 BY MR. SMITH:
- 4 Q. Were you ever treated by a doctor from
- 5 Nairobi?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 O. Do you remember the doctor's name?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. What is the doctor's name?
- 10 A. I remember her name was Dinah.
- 11 Q. Dinah. Was that her first name or her last
- 12 name?
- 13 A. I don't know whether it was the first name,
- last name, I don't know.
- 15 Q. Okay. And how did you get to Dr. Dinah?
- 16 A. She was brought by Dr. Sondra.
- 17 Q. Okay. And for what conditions were you
- 18 treated for by Dr. Dinah?
- 19 A. Mostly about the flashback and my weakness.
- 20 Q. How many times did you see Dr. Dinah?
- 21 A. I don't remember.
- 22 O. Was it more than once?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And did Dr. Dinah prescribe any medications?

- 1 A. I don't remember.
- 2 Q. Do you have any memory of any diagnosis that
- 3 was made by Dr. Dinah about any of your
- 4 medical conditions?
- 5 A. I don't remember.
- 6 Q. Mr. Salim, do you think you'd be feeling
- 7 better and getting well if you would take the
- 8 medications that the doctors are recommending?
- 9 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but he can
- answer.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I don't think they
- 12 would have helped me.
- 13 BY MR. SMITH:
- 14 Q. And why do you think that the doctors are
- prescribing medications for you if you don't
- think they're going to help?
- 17 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but he can
- answer.
- 19 THE WITNESS: So if the doctor give
- you the medication, you're going to be healed?
- 21 BY MR. SMITH:
- 22 Q. No. What I'm trying to understand is if you
- go see a doctor and they prescribe medication,
- 24 why is it that you think that what they're

- 1 prescribing isn't going to help you?
- 2 A. I just know, by myself, that they will not
- 3 help me.
- 4 Q. Did you tell any of the doctors that?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Do you know a man named Matthew Friedman?
- 7 A. I don't know him.
- 8 Q. Do you know a man named Allen Keller?
- 9 A. I don't know him.
- 10 Q. Did you ever speak with journalists from BBC
- 11 Radio?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Do you remember who you spoke to?
- 14 A. I don't.
- 15 Q. Do you remember what you talked about?
- 16 A. I remember.
- 17 Q. What did you talk about?
- 18 A. Yes, I remember.
- 19 O. What did you talk about?
- 20 A. Just the way I was at jail and how things were
- 21 at jail.
- 22 O. At which jail?
- 23 A. All of them.
- Q. Okay. Who put you in touch with the

- journalists from BBC Radio?
- 2 A. They came to me.
- 3 Q. Do you know how they found you?
- 4 A. They came to my home.
- 5 Q. Do you know how they found you?
- 6 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but he can
- answer.
- 8 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- 9 BY MR. SMITH:
- 10 Q. Did you speak with any other journalists other
- than the BBC Radio people and James we've
- 12 talked about earlier?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Who else did you talk to?
- 15 A. The Germans.
- 16 O. Germans?
- 17 A. Uh-huh.
- 18 O. Was that from Radio Deutsche Welle and
- 19 Panorama in Germany?
- 20 A. I just knew this, it was German.
- Q. Who put you in touch with the Germans?
- 22 A. They just came to me.
- 23 Q. Okay. Do you know an individual by the name
- 24 of Brock Chisholm?

- 1 A. I know the name Brock, but I don't know
- 2 Chisholm.
- 3 Q. And who is this person?
- 4 A. Dr. Brock.
- 5 Q. Who is Dr. Brock?
- 6 A. It's a doctor.
- 7 Q. Okay. Is Dr. Brock a doctor treating you?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And what is Dr. Brock treating you for?
- 10 A. Just like if you are -- you have thoughts or
- if you're trying to think of many things, you
- 12 need to do this, things like that.
- MR. SMITH: Jane, could you repeat
- the witness's answer.
- 15 (Whereupon, the answer was read back
- by the court reporter as requested.)
- 17 BY MR. SMITH:
- 18 Q. What kind of doctor is Dr. Brock?
- 19 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but he can
- answer.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- 22 BY MR. SMITH:
- 23 Q. When did Dr. Brock start treating you?
- 24 A. I don't remember.

- 1 Q. Is Dr. Brock presently treating you?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. When did the treatment stop?
- 4 A. I don't remember.
- 5 Q. Why did the treatment stop?
- 6 A. I don't know.
- 7 Q. Did Dr. Brock prescribe any medications?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Mr. Salim, are you aware that there's a trial
- scheduled to take place in this case?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And is it your intention to testify in the
- 13 case?
- 14 A. How?
- 15 Q. Well, let's get to how later. Let's just get
- to, is it your intention to testify?
- 17 A. I don't understand. What testimony?
- 18 MR. SMITH: Let's go off the record.
- 19 VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 12:21.
- We're off the record.
- 21 (Brief pause.)
- 22 VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record.
- 23 The time is 12:24.
- MR. SMITH: I have no further

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1	questions of the witness.		
2	MR. HOFFMAN: Okay. Do we have a		
3	protocol for signing and time and all that		
4	stuff? I assume the usual stipulations.		
5	MS. ALEXANDER: No, we didn't have		
6	them previously. I mean		
7	MR. SMITH: You guys have been		
8	reading and signing, haven't you?		
9	MR. WATT: Yeah. We have.		
10	(All parties speaking at once.)		
11	MR. SMITH: No, but we're not		
12	there's no waiving reading, signing?		
13	MR. HOFFMAN: No. No. No.		
14	COURT REPORTER: Are we off the		
15	record? Are we off the record here?		
16	MR. SMITH: Sorry, we're off the		
17	record.		
18	VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 12:25.		
19	We're off the record.		
20	(End of proceedings: 12:25 p.m.)		
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