Exhibit H

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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SULEIMAN ABDULLAH SALIM,

MOHAMED AHMED BEN SOUD, OBAID

ULLAH (as Personal

Representative of GUL RAHMAN),

Plaintiffs, Civil Action No.

vs.

2:15-CV-286-JLQ

JAMES ELMER MITCHELL and

JOHN "BRUCE" JESSEN,

Defendants.

VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF SULEIMAN ABDULLAH SALIM

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           that's asked you, rather than give a long
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           explanation.
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                    (Translating.)
                    MR. HOFFMAN: You don't need to
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           answer anything. Just wait for a question.
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      BY MR. SMITH:
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           Mr. Salim, do you speak English?
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           A little.
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      Α.
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           Well, did he say "a little" or did he say
      Q.
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           "yes"?
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                    MR. HOFFMAN: He just said "yes, a
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           little."
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                    INTERPRETER ODANGA: He said
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           "yesse," (phonetic) it means more.
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                    MR. SMITH: Oh, okay. I heard
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           "yes," so that's why you're here. Okay.
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                    INTERPRETER ODANGA: Yesse.
           (Phonetic.)
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                    MR. SMITH: Okay.
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      BY MR. SMITH:
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           When did you start speaking English?
      Q.
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      Α.
           When I was in jail, at the jail.
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           Okay. Now, let's go back to this
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           identification from Kenya. Who issued the
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Page 24 1 identification in Kenya? 2. MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can 3 answer. BY MR. SMITH: 4 5 Q. Mr. Salim. Huh? 6 Α. 7 Do you understand the question? Ο. I understand. 8 Α. 9 Okay. Who issued the identification? Q. 10 Α. Fahid. 11 Who is Fahid? Ο. 12 My friend. Α. And how is it that you got to know this man, 13 Ο. Fahid? 14 I knew him because he had a store. 15 Α. What kind of store? 16 0. Clothing store. 17 Α. 18 0. And why is it that he issued this identification to you? 19 20 So while I was in Kenya, the police were 21 searching. If you didn't have identification, 22 then you'd be in trouble. So I would show 23 that identification, that I have ID card. 24 O. Was it a false identification?

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                    MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
 2.
           answer.
                    THE WITNESS: It was a valid one.
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           It was not false.
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      BY MR. SMITH:
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           Tell me why it wasn't false.
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      Q.
                    MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
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           answer.
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                    INTERPRETER ODANGA: He's asking,
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           can he -- can I clarify? He's trying to
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           understand, when you say "objection," does
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           that mean that he's not supposed to talk or...
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                    MR. HOFFMAN: You translate. If I
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           say "objection," he can still answer the
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           question.
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                    INTERPRETER ODANGA:
                                          Okay.
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                    MR. HOFFMAN: Unless I instruct him
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           not to answer.
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                    INTERPRETER ODANGA: Okay.
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                    (Translating.)
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                    THE WITNESS: Can you ask your
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           question again?
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      BY MR. SMITH:
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           Let me ask a different question. Did you
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Page 40 1 fishing. 2. Okay. Ο. 3 So that's what I wanted to clarify. Α. 4 Okay. So I asked you do you recall about your Q. 5 work experience, and you started, I think, when you were 16 or 17 years old and you 6 described it. 7 8 Do you remember that? 9 Yeah, around 16 or 17. Α. 10 And do you recall the various jobs that you Ο. 11 told me about from 16 or 17 up through the years 1994 and '95? 12 13 Objection. You can MR. HOFFMAN: 14 answer. 15 THE WITNESS: Yes. BY MR. SMITH: 16 Okay. And is there anything that you told me 17 Q. that's incorrect? 18 19 MR. HOFFMAN: Object. 20 THE WITNESS: I say it's correct. 21 BY MR. SMITH: 22 Q. It is correct? 23 Α. Correct.

So I want to go, now, to 1994, 1995.

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- 1 A. Fine.
- Q. That was the year you took a job on a boat?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Who owned the boat?
- 5 A. Fahid.
- 6 Q. Was that the same Fahid that gave you the
- 7 identification from Kenya?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Do you know if Fahid was affiliated with any
- 10 Al-Qaeda activities?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. So let's go back, then. You were working on
- 13 Fahid's boat. How long did you work on the
- 14 boat?
- 15 A. Until 1998.
- 16 Q. Okay. How many other people worked on the
- 17 boat?
- 18 A. Just me, we were two, but we were coming and
- 19 going, so on and off.
- 20 Q. Was there one boat or more than one boat?
- 21 A. One.
- 22 Q. Okay. How big was the boat?
- 23 A. I don't recall very -- I don't remember very
- 24 well, but it was about 8 to 9 meters.

Page 42 1 So approximately 27, 28 feet? 0. I don't understand these numbers with the 2. Α. feet. 3 Okay. What kind of merchandise were you 4 Q. 5 transporting on this boat? MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can 6 7 answer. THE WITNESS: I would carry things 8 9 like soap, rice, sugar, and sometimes 10 transport people. 11 BY MR. SMITH: And where would you pick up this -- this soap 12 and rice and sugar? 13 I would pick them from Malindi and take them 14 Α. to Lamu. 15 Where is Malindi? 16 Ο. Malindi's in Kenya. 17 Α. And where is La-mee (phonetic)? 18 Ο. 19 INTERPRETER ODANGA: La-moo. (Phonetic.) 20 21 MR. SMITH: Or Lamu. 22 INTERPRETER: L-A-M-U. 23 THE WITNESS: In Kenya. 24 BY MR. SMITH:

- 1 Q. And did you also say that you transported to
- 2 Somalia?
- 3 A. Sometimes I would go to Somali to get dry fish
- 4 and, then, I bring it to Malindi.
- 5 Q. What is Fahid's full name?
- 6 A. I can't remember.
- 7 O. Does the -- do you know if his -- Fahid's full
- 8 name is Fahid Mohamed Ally Msalam?
- 9 A. I can remember Fahid Mohamed, but not the
- 10 other one.
- 11 Q. Okay. And you stopped transporting this fish
- and other materials in 1998, is that right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 O. Why?
- 15 A. The boat was taken away from me.
- 16 Q. Who took the boat away from you?
- 17 A. The Somali people.
- 18 Q. Can you describe the circumstances under which
- 19 the boat was taken away?
- 20 A. I was just on my daily business and the people
- came, the Somali came, they had guns and they
- said they were taking my boat away.
- 23 Q. Okay. Do you know who these Somali people
- 24 were?

Page 44 1 I didn't know them. Α. 2. Did they shoot at you? Ο. No, they did not shoot. 3 Α. 4 Okay. And after that, what was your next job? Q. INTERPRETER ODANGA: Can I ask him 5 6 to repeat? 7 MR. SMITH: Sure. (Translating.) 8 9 So, up till that, I was doing fishing and, Α. 10 also, I was working at the port. So like when 11 the ship came, we would help to pack them. How long did you do that? 12 Ο. It was just a few months. 13 Α. Okay. Who issued a paycheck to you for doing 14 Ο. 15 the work at the port? Objection. You can 16 MR. HOFFMAN: 17 answer. THE WITNESS: The Somali. 18 19 BY MR. SMITH: 20 Okay. And where were you living at the time Ο. 21 when you were doing this employment? 22 Α. Kismayu. 23 I'm sorry? Ο.

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Kismayu.

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1	and stayed in Mombasa with 1998 East African	
2	embassy bombing fugitive Fahid Mohamed Ally	
3	Msalam, with whom he trained in Afghanistan"?	
4	MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but you can	
5	answer.	
6	THE WITNESS: Repeat the question	
7	again.	
8	MR. SMITH: I'm going to have the	
9	court reporter read it back.	
10	(Whereupon, the record was read	
11	back by the reporter as follows:	
12	"Did you ever tell American	
13	officials that you, quote: 'First	
14	came to Kenya in 1993 and stayed in	
15	Mombasa with 1998 East African	
16	embassy bombing fugitive Fahid	
17	Mohamed Ally Msalam, with whom he	
18	trained in Afghanistan'"?)	
19	MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but you can	
20	answer.	
21	THE WITNESS: No.	
22	BY MR. SMITH:	
23	Q. Okay. Did you train in Afghanistan with Fahid	
24	Mohamed Ally Msalam?	

Page 114 1 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can 2. answer. THE WITNESS: I went to Afghanistan, 3 but I want to tell you how I went. 4 5 BY MR. SMITH: I'm going to get to that, but my question is, 6 Q. 7 did you train in Afghanistan with Fahid Mohamed Ally Msalam, as it says in this 8 9 government document? 10 MR. HOFFMAN: Same objection. You 11 can answer, if you can. 12 INTERPRETER ODANGA: He never 13 trained with him. BY MR. SMITH: 14 15 Did you ever train in Afghanistan? Ο. 16 MR. HOFFMAN: Same objection. THE WITNESS: 17 Yes. 18 BY MR. SMITH: When did you train in Afghanistan? 19 Ο. I'm not sure, but it was between 1993 or 1994. 20 Α. 21 And how long did you train in Afghanistan? Q. 22 MR. HOFFMAN: Same objection. Не 23 can answer. 24 THE WITNESS: I got trained only

Page 115 1 once. 2. BY MR. SMITH: 3 How long did you train in Afghanistan? Ο. Same objection. You 4 MR. HOFFMAN: 5 can answer. THE WITNESS: Training or the whole 6 7 stay? BY MR. SMITH: 8 9 Mr. Salim, you testified that you trained in 10 Afghanistan. Do you recall that? 11 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. 12 THE WITNESS: But I told you I got 13 trained one time. BY MR. SMITH: 14 15 Okay. But let's stay with my questions. Ο. 16 How long did you train in 17 Afghanistan? INTERPRETER ODANGA: How long did 18 you stay in Afghanistan? 19 20 MR. SMITH: Did you train in 21 Afghanistan. 22 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, again. 23 THE WITNESS: One time. 24 BY MR. SMITH:

- 1 Q. For how long?
- 2 A. About six months.
- 3 Q. And that was in 1993 or 1994?
- 4 A. I'm not sure. It's around '93 or '94.
- 5 Q. Okay. How did you get to Afghanistan?
- 6 A. I left Tanzania, I went to India. From India,
- 7 I went to Pakistan. Then, from Pakistan, I
- 8 went to Afghanistan.
- 9 Q. Who paid for you to fly to -- or to travel to
- 10 Afghanistan?
- 11 A. Myself.
- 12 Q. Okay. And where did this training take place?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, again, but
- 14 you can answer.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Afghanistan.
- 16 BY MR. SMITH:
- 17 Q. Where in Afghanistan?
- 18 A. I don't know the place.
- 19 Q. Well, you traveled to the place, didn't you?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Did you travel by automobile, by plane? How
- 22 did you get to this place?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Objection.
- 24 THE WITNESS: By car.

- 1 BY MR. SMITH:
- 2 O. Who drove the car?
- 3 A. The driver.
- 4 O. What was the driver's name?
- 5 A. I don't remember name.
- 6 Q. Okay. How did you come in contact with the
- 7 driver?
- 8 A. I don't know him.
- 9 Q. How did you come in contact with him to enable
- 10 you to get into his car?
- 11 A. It was a passenger car.
- 12 Q. Okay. How did you come in contact with this
- driver such that he could take you to this
- 14 place?
- 15 A. I wasn't by myself, I was with other people.
- We would go to take by public means and, then,
- 17 we go to where we were going.
- 18 Q. Who were the other people that you were with?
- 19 A. I don't know the other ones, I only know one.
- 20 Q. What's that person's name?
- 21 A. Al-Fani.
- 22 Q. And did these people travel with you from, I
- 23 guess, Zanzibar to Afghanistan?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Objection.

Case 2:15-cv-00286-JLQ Document 205-8 Filed 06/26/17 Page 118 1 THE WITNESS: One person came with 2. me from Dar es Salaam, but not Zanzibar. BY MR. SMITH: 3 4 From Jerusalem. O. Okay. 5 And you departed from where? INTERPRETER ODANGA: Dar es Salaam. 6 7 MR. HOFFMAN: Dar es Salaam. 8 MR. SMITH: I'm sorry? 9 MR. HOFFMAN: Dar es Salaam. 10 INTERPRETER ODANGA: Dar es Salaam. 11 MR. SMITH: Oh, Dar es Salaam. 12 Thank you. BY MR. SMITH: 13 You departed from where to Afghanistan? 14 Ο. Dar es Salaam. 15 Α. Okay. Okay. Now, when you got to this 16 Ο. training facility, your testimony is you don't 17 know where it was located in Afghanistan? 18 19 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can 20 answer. 21 THE WITNESS: I didn't know.

- Okay. And you were there at this place for six months?
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BY MR. SMITH:

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- 1 A. Something like that, I think.
- 2 Q. Describe this place for me.
- 3 A. I remember a big place, a big hilly place.
- 4 Q. Where did you sleep?
- 5 A. We had -- we would sleep in the bushes
- 6 sometimes and sometimes in the -- in the
- 7 tents.
- 8 (Witness speaking.)
- 9 INTERPRETER ODANGA: Oh, sorry.
- 10 Like the mosque. They would sleep on a
- mosque, not bushes, mosques or tents.
- 12 BY MR. SMITH:
- 13 Q. And what were you training to do while you
- were there?
- 15 A. The training was how to do -- how to exercise.
- We were exercising, we were learning how to
- shoot, and that's...
- 18 Q. I'm sorry?
- 19 INTERPRETER ODANGA: He said
- 20 "that's." He was learning how to shoot and
- just doing exercises.
- 22 BY MR. SMITH:
- 23 Q. Okay. Who sponsored this training?
- 24 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can

Page 120 1 answer. 2. THE WITNESS: I don't know him. 3 BY MR. SMITH: 4 Well, was there an organization that sponsored 0. 5 this training? MR. HOFFMAN: Same objection. You 6 7 can answer. 8 THE WITNESS: I know it was a group. 9 BY MR. SMITH: 10 What was the name of the group? O. 11 Harakati Ansari. Α. 12 Can you spell that, please. Ο. H-A-R-A-K-A-T-I. Then, the other one is 13 14 A-N-S-A-R-I. 15 (Discussion between Interpreter 16 Odanga and witness.) 17 INTERPRETER ODANGA: Oh, there's no "I" at the end. It's just "R" at the end. 18 19 Is that one person or two people? Q. 20 What? Α. 21 Harakati Ansar, is that the name of a person Q. 22 or a group? 23 Α. Group.

And what was the purpose of this group?

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1	INTERPRETER ODANGA: I interpreted
2	what
3	INTERPRETER KENDAGOR: Maybe
4	INTERPRETER ODANGA: Mr. Salim
5	said.
6	MR. SMITH: I'm sorry. We can't
7	talk over each other.
8	INTERPRETER ODANGA: I interpreted
9	what Mr. Salim said.
10	MR. SMITH: You interpreted what he
11	said. Okay.
12	Let's go back to the question and
13	the answer that was given.
14	INTERPRETER ODANGA: Sure.
15	MR. SMITH: And let's see if we can
16	all agree what the witness said.
17	INTERPRETER ODANGA: Yes.
18	MR. SMITH: Probably easier said
19	than done by the court reporter.
20	COURT REPORTER: It's going to take
21	a minute.
22	MR. SMITH: Take a minute.
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24	(Whereupon, the record was read back

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                     by the court reporter as follows:
                     "THE WITNESS: All I knew was that
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                     we were going to fight Kashmir.")
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                     INTERPRETER ODANGA: You want me to
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 5
           ask the question again?
                    MR. SMITH:
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                                 No.
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                     Are you saying that you disagree
           with that?
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                     INTERPRETER KENDAGOR: No.
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           -- I think what he -- what I heard him say, he
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           didn't say that we were going to fight the
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           Kashmir. He said that group was going to
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           fight the --
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                     MR. SMITH: Let me see if I can
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           clean this up.
      BY MR. SMITH:
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      Q.
           Mr. Salim, you were at a training camp
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           learning, among other things, how to shoot
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           weapons, right?
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           Yes.
      Α.
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           And those weapons were AK-47s, right?
      Q.
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      Α.
           Yes.
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           And .9 millimeters, right?
      O.
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      Α.
           I don't know.
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- 1 Q. Okay. What were the other types of weapons
- 2 that you learned to shoot?
- 3 A. None.
- 4 Q. Just the AK-47s?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Were you also trained in hand-to-hand combat?
- 7 INTERPRETER ODANGA: Hand-to-hand?
- MR. SMITH: Hand-to-hand combat.
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. What else were you trained in by way of
- 11 warfare at this camp in addition to learning
- how to shoot AK-47s?
- 13 A. None.
- 14 Q. Let's just jump to -- that's okay.
- Why did you go to this camp?
- 16 A. I want to clarify something. I was using
- 17 illicit drugs. Fahidi -- Fahid told me that
- the only way I can quit using drugs, I can go
- 19 to Afghanistan -- Pakistan and, then, I can
- 20 learn other ways and I will also learn some
- 21 Muslim prayers and that will help me to quit
- 22 drug, using drug.
- 23 Q. So you're saying you went to this camp where
- you were trained on how to shoot an AK-47 so

Page 127 1 that you could try to overcome your illicit 2. drug problem? MR. HOFFMAN: Objection and you can 3 4 answer. THE WITNESS: I'll say it again. 5 told me that we were going to go to Pakistan 6 7 -- he told me I was going to Pakistan to get 8 some education. He didn't tell me I was going 9 to Afghanistan. 10 BY MR. SMITH: 11 So why did you go to this camp to be trained to shoot AK-47s? 12 13 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can 14 answer. When we arrived to 15 THE WITNESS: 16 Pakistan, they told me that the school is not there, it's in Afghanistan. 17 BY MR. SMITH: 18 19 Okay. What was the school that you were Ο. 20 looking for in Pakistan? 21 He gave me somebody's name that, when I Α. 22 arrived there, that would be the mosque and 23 that I was supposed to get my education at 24 that mosque.

- 1 Q. Who gave you this information?
- 2 A. Fahid.
- 3 Q. The same Fahid that we've been talking about
- 4 since we started your deposition?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. So when you left Pakistan for Afghanistan, did
- 7 you know that you were going to be trained to
- 8 shoot an AK-47?
- 9 A. I did not know.
- 10 Q. So when you got there, why didn't you leave
- 11 when you found out?
- 12 A. When I told him, it was a lot of back and
- forth fighting. I had no ticket to come back.
- 14 He told me to wait for the ticket.
- 15 O. Let's go back to Exhibit No. 1. I'm directing
- 16 your attention to paragraph 4, item 6, where
- it says, in this government document, quote:
- 18 "Abdullah had obtained a fake Kenyan
- 19 identification card which indicated that his
- 20 name was Issa Abdikadir Mohamed."
- Do you see where it says that?
- MR. HOFFMAN: There's no question.
- 23 BY MR. SMITH:
- Q. The question is, do you see that?

Page 129 1 Do you see it. MR. HOFFMAN: 2. THE WITNESS: I told you in the beginning and the other -- the name was Issa. 3 It wasn't my I.D., identification card, it's 4 5 just something that I picked up. BY MR. SMITH: 6 7 Mr. Salim, did you ever tell an official from O. the United States government, in connection 8 9 with an interrogation, that you had obtained a 10 fake Kenyan identification card which 11 indicated your name as Issa Abdikadir Mohamed? 12 Did you ever tell anyone that? 13 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can 14 answer. 15 INTERPRETER ODANGA: I just want to 16 clarify something. Did you ever tell Kenyan or anybody? 17 Read the question back. 18 MR. SMITH: 19 (Whereupon, the record was read back 20 by the court reporter as follows: 2.1 "Did you ever tell an official from 22 the United States government.") 23 INTERPRETER ODANGA: Okay. Thank 24 you.

- 1 Q. How many people were there while you were
- 2 there?
- 3 A. I don't know.
- 4 O. Was it more than a hundred?
- 5 A. I can't know.
- 6 Q. Okay. And your testimony is that you either
- 7 slept in a mosque or you slept outside?
- 8 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection.
- 9 THE WITNESS: In a mosque or tent.
- 10 BY MR. SMITH:
- 11 Q. In a tent, okay.
- 12 And who fed you?
- 13 A. We were being fed by the people there.
- 14 Q. Who paid for the food?
- 15 A. I don't know.
- 16 Q. Did you receive any form of compensation for
- this training?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. So how were you able to pay your bills while
- 20 you were off at this camp for six months?
- 21 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- THE WITNESS: There are no bills.
- 24 BY MR. SMITH:

Page 139 1 So you had no expenses in your life at this Ο. 2. time? Objection. You can 3 MR. HOFFMAN: 4 answer. THE WITNESS: 5 No. BY MR. SMITH: 6 7 Who paid for your clothing? 0. Objection. 8 MR. HOFFMAN: 9 The same clothes that THE WITNESS: 10 I came with. 11 BY MR. SMITH: 12 Ο. I see. And did you have any understanding 13 of who was paying for the food that was going 14 to all the trainees? 15 I don't know. 16 And why did the training end after six months? 17 Q. Objection. You can 18 MR. HOFFMAN: 19 answer. THE WITNESS: I -- I did not train 20 for six months, but I stayed there for six 21 22 months. 23 BY MR. SMITH:

How long did you train?

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- 1 A. One time.
- Q. What does that mean, for one day?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And then did you refuse to train thereafter?
- 5 A. I refused.
- 6 Q. And how did you get out of the camp?
- 7 A. There's a car that came and took me, then I
- 8 went to -- I got the plane and then I went to
- 9 Tanzania.
- 10 Q. Who paid for the car?
- 11 A. Fahid.
- 12 Q. Who paid for the plane?
- 13 A. Fahid.
- 14 Q. Why did you refuse to train after one day?
- 15 A. I didn't want to stay there. Fahid kept on
- telling me to keep on staying there, but after
- training that one day, I didn't want to do it.
- 18 Q. And how were you in communication with Fahid?
- 19 A. Where?
- 20 Q. While you were at the camp.
- 21 A. Sometimes I would see him sometimes at the
- 22 mosque, sometimes we were not seeing each
- other.
- Q. So he was at the camp, too?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And did you arrive together at the camp?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Was he there before you?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. How much before you did he arrive?
- 7 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- 10 BY MR. SMITH:
- 11 Q. And did he train during the period of time
- that you were at the camp?
- MR. HOFFMAN: Objection.
- 14 THE WITNESS: I never saw him.
- 15 BY MR. SMITH:
- 16 Q. You have no understanding if he was getting
- 17 trained to shoot weapons and learn how to deal
- 18 with explosives while you were at the camp?
- 19 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- 22 BY MR. SMITH:
- 23 Q. Did you ever ask him at any time thereafter
- about his training?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Never discussed it with him?
- 3 A. Never.
- 4 Q. And when you left the camp, you returned to
- 5 Tanzania?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 O. To do what?
- 8 A. That's my home.
- 9 Q. Okay. What did you do there?
- 10 A. I did not have any job. I was just sitting at
- 11 my friend's store.
- 12 O. Friend's?
- 13 INTERPRETER ODANGA: The friend had
- a store so he would just sit at the store.
- 15 O. Okay. And how long did you sit at the store
- in Tanzania before you got a job?
- 17 A. Not too long.
- 18 Q. And did you ever have any other training other
- 19 than what you've told me about so far?
- 20 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- THE WITNESS: Never.
- 23 BY MR. SMITH:
- Q. Mr. Salim, what is your understanding of

- 1 Al-Qaeda?
- 2 A. I don't -- I don't understand anything.
- 3 Q. Your testimony is that you have no
- 4 understanding of Al-Qaeda, is that correct?
- 5 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- 6 answer.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Like what?
- 8 BY MR. SMITH:
- 9 Q. Like your understanding.
- 10 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 12 THE WITNESS: I know they are bad
- people. They bomb. That's what I understand.
- 14 BY MR. SMITH:
- 15 O. Do you understand that it's a group that is
- 16 committed to trying to do injury to the United
- 17 States?
- 18 A. That one, I don't understand.
- 19 Q. You don't. Do you know anyone that's
- 20 affiliated with Al-Qaeda?
- 21 A. I don't know.
- 22 Q. Did you ever?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. Did you ever admit to US officials that you

- 1 Q. And did they tell you whether or not they were
- 2 -- these Americans were affiliated with the
- 3 United States government?
- 4 A. No, they didn't tell me.
- 5 Q. Did you have any understanding of whether or
- 6 not these Americans who ran this facility that
- 7 you call darkness were affiliated with the
- 8 United States government?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 MR. SMITH: Could you read back the
- 11 question, madam court reporter.
- 12 (Whereupon, the last question was
- read back by the court reporter.)
- 14 BY MR. SMITH:
- 15 Q. What was your understanding?
- 16 INTERPRETER ODANGA: He's just
- asking that I repeat the whole question.
- MR. SMITH: Sure.
- 19 INTERPRETER ODANGA: Okay. Let me
- 20 read.
- 21 (Translating.)
- 22 THE WITNESS: I knew them as CIAs.
- 23 BY MR. SMITH:
- Q. And what was the basis for your belief that

- 1 they were CIA agents?
- 2 A. They told me.
- 3 Q. Did any of them tell you their names?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Now, during the period of time that you were
- 6 held at this facility called darkness, were
- 7 you interrogated by the CIA agents?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And do you have any memory of those
- 10 interrogations?
- 11 A. Questions like where are you from, where were
- 12 you born, things like that.
- 13 Q. Anything else that you remember?
- 14 A. I don't remember.
- 15 O. How many times do you think you were
- interrogated during the period of time that
- 17 you were held at the facility that you call
- 18 darkness?
- 19 A. I cannot recall how many times, but it was
- almost for two months.
- 21 O. Almost for two months?
- 22 A. All the days that I was in there, they
- interrogated me.
- Q. So your memory is every day or almost every

Page 155 1 day, you were interrogated? 2. It was almost every day. Α. Okay. And can you describe for me what would 3 0. happen during these interrogations? 4 Objection, but you can 5 MR. HOFFMAN: 6 answer. 7 THE WITNESS: How? BY MR. SMITH: 8 9 Well, you were taken into a room, I take it, 10 right? 11 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can 12 answer. 13 THE WITNESS: Which room? 14 BY MR. SMITH: When you were in darkness, were you kept in a 15 Ο. 16 cell? 17 Α. Like a room. 18 Okay. Were other people kept in the room, Ο. 19 too, or were you kept there alone? 20 Myself. Α. 21 Okay. And when these CIA people would come to Q. 22 interrogate you, did they interrogate you in 23 that room or in another room? MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can 24

Page 156 1 answer. 2. THE WITNESS: Another room. 3 BY MR. SMITH: 4 Okay. So they would escort you into another Q. 5 room? Yes. 6 Α. 7 Do you know what the room looked like? O. 8 Α. I can remember one, it was just a big place 9 like this. 10 Okay. And were there lights, no lights? Ο. 11 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can 12 answer. 13 THE WITNESS: Not too much light. 14 BY MR. SMITH: Okay. And how many people would be in there 15 0. 16 in addition to yourself? I don't understand. 17 Α. Well, you would go into this room to be 18 Ο. interrogated, how many people in addition to 19 20 yourself were in the room? 21 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can 22 answer. 23 THE WITNESS: There were a lot of

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people.

- 1 BY MR. SMITH:
- 2 Q. A lot of people.
- 3 A. Sometimes just one person.
- 4 Q. Okay. So it would depend upon which day it
- 5 was?
- 6 A. Yeah, it depends.
- 7 Q. Okay. So can you describe for me, when you
- 8 were taken into the room, what occurred during
- 9 the interrogation?
- 10 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 12 THE WITNESS: So many things
- happened, so I don't know where to start.
- 14 BY MR. SMITH:
- 15 Q. Okay. So tell me what your best recollection
- is. And if different things happened on
- different days, then just describe for me what
- 18 you remember on any given day.
- 19 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
- answer.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I remember being put
- in a box. I remember being hanged.
- 23 (Gesturing.)
- I remember being naked and a big

Page 158 1 light -- they put a light on my face. 2. I remember being put on the ground in a plastic bag and water is being poured on 3 4 And there was a plastic jug, plastic 5 water jug being put -- they were knocking my rectal area with it. 6 7 I remember being put on a table and, then, I was tied around while being taken 8 9 around. 10 I remember there were two boxes, 11 they were -- there's one that was being put on 12 the ground and there was one that was also 13 standing position. 14 I remember being tied on the wall, handcuffed to the wall. I couldn't go up or 15 16 come down. I also remember being handcuffed and naked in the room with not any clothes on. 17 18 I remember being put on something 19 like a hospital bed, my -- my hands tied to 20 both sides of bed. They put something like an 21 injection on me and I lost my conscious. 22 I remember, also, them putting a 23 cloth around -- tying a cloth around my neck 24 and, then, they were punching me on the wall,

- 1 punching.
- 2 At the present time, I can't recall
- anything; if I do, I will let you know.
- 4 BY MR. SMITH:
- 5 Q. Okay. Now, what you just described, did these
- 6 occur in the interrogation room or in the cell
- 7 that you were being detained or both?
- 8 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection, but you can
- 9 answer.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Being tied on the wall
- 11 was at the dark room, the room where I was
- 12 staying. The other ones, it was different
- places, but the same place, another room.
- 14 BY MR. SMITH:
- 15 O. Where the interrogations took place?
- 16 A. They were doing it in different rooms. At the
- 17 interrogation place was where they were
- 18 putting lights on my face.
- 19 Q. Okay. And where did these other things happen
- to you, sir?
- 21 A. Different rooms.
- 22 Q. How many times were you injected?
- 23 A. I can't remember whether it was once or twice.
- Q. And when you recovered, when you regained your

Case 2:15-cv-00286-JLQ Document 205-8 Filed 06/26/17 Page 160 1 consciousness, did you suffer any effects from 2. the injection? I can't remember. 3 Α. 4 And did you ever learn what you were injected Q. 5 with? No. 6 Α. 7 How many times were you put on plastic and O. 8 water was poured on you? Can't remember. 9 Α. 10 Was it more than once? Ο.

- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. But you just don't know beyond that?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Okay. And did you suffer any injuries from
- 15 being put on the ground in this plastic and
- this water poured on you?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. What injuries did you suffer?
- 19 A. My chest was -- my chest, my heart was beating
- 20 so fast, my jaws were shaking, and that was
- 21 causing a lot of pain.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. My -- I had -- I already had a fracture on my
- 24 finger, but because of the torture that they

- were doing, it made it more painful.
- 2 Q. Did you suffer any long-term injuries as a
- 3 result of being put in this plastic with water
- 4 poured on you?
- 5 A. I don't know.
- 6 Q. Did you suffer any injuries as a result of the
- 7 injections?
- 8 A. I don't know.
- 9 Q. Sir, you said that you were put on a table and
- tied to a table and spun around. Do you
- 11 remember that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. How many times did that happen?
- 14 A. Just one time.
- 15 O. Okay.
- 16 A. But it was just for a little time.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. For a short time.
- 19 Q. And did you suffer any injuries as a result of
- 20 that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. What injuries did you suffer?
- 23 A. Dizziness.
- Q. Okay. And did you suffer any long-term

- 1 injuries as a result of that dizziness?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. What are the long-term injuries?
- 4 A. I still have dizziness.
- 5 Q. And what is the basis for you to believe that
- 6 your dizziness, presently, is as a result of
- 7 being spun on that table?
- 8 A. Because they had tortured me a lot, I was very
- 9 weak and I had no strength. I could not -- I
- 10 didn't have any strength. I did not eat
- anything. And ever since that happened, I've
- been experiencing the dizziness.
- 13 Q. Tell me about the dizziness.
- 14 A. Like what?
- 15 O. Were you dizzy today?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. When is the last time you experienced a dizzy
- 18 event?
- 19 A. I can't remember.
- 20 Q. Now, you said that you were put in a box. Do
- 21 you remember that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And as I appreciate what you said, sir, one
- box was vertical and one box was horizontal,

Page 163 1 is that right? 2. Yes. Α. How many times were you put in a box and laid 3 0. in the box horizontally? 4 INTERPRETER ODANGA: Horizontal is 5 (Gesturing.) 6 this? 7 MR. SMITH: Horizontal would be that 8 way, yeah. 9 I can't remember. Α. 10 Was it more than once? Ο. 11 I can't remember. Α. 12 How many times were you put in a box where you Ο. stood up vertically? 13 I can't remember. 14 Α. How long did you stay in the box where you 15 Ο. were put in vertically? 16 I'm just thinking that it was about 30 17 Α. 18 minutes. 19 And how long did you stay in the box when you Q. were in a horizontal position? 20 21 It was a little more, but I can't remember. Α. 22 Q. Less than an hour? 23 Α. At times, they would put me there, then they'd 24 go and beat me, and then they'd come and put

- 1 me there and sometimes they just leave me
- there.
- 3 Q. So you're saying that the CIA agents beat you,
- 4 as well?
- 5 A. When they were interrogating me, I don't know
- if they are the one that were interrogating me
- 7 or not.
- 8 Q. Who beat you?
- 9 A. Somebody.
- 10 Q. Was it an American?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. Was it a CIA agent?
- 13 A. I don't know.
- 14 Q. How many times were you beaten?
- 15 A. Ever since I was there, it was totally.
- 16 Q. But I'm trying to understand in greater
- 17 detail. We're on your -- the period that you
- 18 were in this what you call darkness for two
- 19 months. Are you with me?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And is it your testimony that you were beaten
- 22 on a daily basis?
- 23 A. Not every day.
- Q. Okay. But, periodically, you were beaten by

Page 166 1 In the chest? Ο. 2. Α. (Gesturing.) 3 MR. HOFFMAN: He's pointing at the 4 stomach. 5 BY MR. SMITH: Where did they kick you, sir? 6 Q. 7 Α. Tummy. Same place that they punched you? 8 Ο. 9 The kicking was more on the lower abdomen. Α. 10 Okay. All right. Now, you also said that Ο. 11 during this period you were hanged. 12 Do you remember that? 13 Α. Yes. Was that in your cell? 14 Ο. 15 Α. No. It was in the interrogation room? 16 Ο. 17 Α. No. Where were you hanged? 18 Ο. 19 Α. Another room. Okay. And can you describe for me how you 20 Ο. 21 were hanged? 22 Α. (Gesturing.) There was like a pipe up there,

then I was handcuffed, and then it was tied

there and I was standing.

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- 1 Q. Okay. And how long -- strike that.
- 2 How many times were you hanged like
- 3 that by the pipe?
- 4 A. I can't remember.
- 5 Q. Okay. Was it more than once?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. And what happened to you while you were
- 8 hanging by the pipe?
- 9 A. A lot of pain in my arms, a lot of pains in my
- 10 back and around my waist.
- 11 Q. And did anyone beat you while you were hanging
- 12 from that pipe?
- 13 A. I can't remember.
- 14 Q. Okay. And did you suffer any permanent damage
- as a result of being hanged by that pipe,
- 16 permanent injury?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Can you describe for me what the injuries are?
- 19 A. My back. My waist.
- 20 Q. Now, you said that you were also tied to a
- 21 wall. Do you remember that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Was this a wall in your cell where you were
- 24 kept or some other place?

- 1 A. The cell where I was kept.
- Q. Okay. And can you describe for me how you
- 3 were shackled or tied to the wall?
- 4 A. So this is the wall. (Gesturing.)
- 5 Q. Yes.
- 6 A. There's something tied to it, like a ring.
- 7 O. Yes.
- 8 A. My hand is handcuffed.
- 9 Q. Yes.
- 10 A. They come and tie it to that ring.
- 11 (Gesturing.) It's something that would not
- 12 let me sit down or cannot let me stand.
- 13 Q. How many times, while you were in this
- facility that you call darkness, were you tied
- 15 to the wall like that?
- 16 A. I can't recall how many times.
- 17 Q. Did you suffer any injuries as a result of it?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Can you tell me what those injuries are?
- 20 A. My waist. My -- the pain in my fingers
- 21 intensified.
- 22 Q. Anything else?
- 23 A. I can't remember.
- Q. Do you presently have any injuries to your

Page 169 1 waist as a result of being tied to the wall, 2. as you described? 3 Α. Yes. 4 And what are those injuries? Q. 5 It's painful. Α. Can you describe for me the pain? 6 Q. 7 I can't describe how painful it was. Α. 8 Do you presently experience the pain? Ο. 9 Α. Yes. 10 Can you describe for me the pain that you feel Ο. 11 presently? Maybe I need to tie you here so that -- for 12 one hour so you can feel the pain, if you want 13 to know the pain. 14 15 MR. HOFFMAN: Can we take a break? 16 We can take a break. MR. SMITH: VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 3:45. 17 We're off the record. 18 19 (Brief pause.) 20 VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the The time is 4:01. 21 record. 22 BY MR. SMITH: 23 Mr. Salim, are you able to go forward? Ο.

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I'm fine.

- 1 O. Okay. And as I said to you off the record,
- 2 sir, I don't mean to be insensitive and I hope
- 3 you understand I have a job to do.
- 4 And if you find yourself moving to a
- 5 point where you want to take a break, just
- 6 wave your hands or tell me, we'll go off the
- 7 record and we'll figure out how to avoid these
- 8 moments for you, if we can. All right?
- 9 A. Fine.
- 10 Q. Okay. Now, Mr. Salim, before we went off the
- 11 record, I was trying to understand if you have
- any present injuries as a result of being
- shackled to the wall, as you describe.
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. Okay. Can you describe for me what the
- 16 present injuries are?
- 17 A. I feel like we should not go too much into
- that because it's going to remind me of other
- 19 things.
- 20 Q. Okay. So why don't we see if there's a time
- later today or tomorrow that we can pick that
- 22 up.
- 23 A. That is good.
- Q. Okay. Mr. Salim, the other matter that you

- described during the period of time that you
- were at darkness was that you were brought
- 3 into an interrogation facility naked and a
- 4 light was shined in your face while you were
- 5 asked questions.
- 6 Do you remember you told me about
- 7 that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. How many times did that happen?
- 10 A. The one with the light was once.
- 11 Q. And did you sustain any injuries as a result
- of that?
- 13 A. I have eye problem.
- 14 Q. Okay. And did anyone ever tell you that the
- 15 eye problem that you have is related to that
- 16 event that occurred to you that you described
- in darkness?
- 18 A. Nobody.
- 19 Q. Okay. Did you ever seek treatment from a
- 20 doctor for this eye problem?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And did the doctor tell you what exactly your
- 23 problem is with your eyes?
- 24 A. I did not know English that very well, but I

Page 172 1 remember they gave me the eyeglasses in Bagram. 2. And do you have any memory of a doctor telling 3 Q. 4 you what exactly your problem was with your 5 eye? 6 Is it one eye or both eyes, by the 7 way? Both. 8 Α. 9 Q. And do you remember what the doctor telling 10 you the problem was with both eyes? 11 Α. I don't remember. 12 Do you presently wear eyeglasses? Ο. I don't. 13 Α. Why did you stop wearing them? 14 Ο. 15 I don't want to. Α. Why not? 16 Ο. I don't want to. 17 Α. 18 Is it because you don't like them on your Ο. 19 face? What's the reason why you don't want to 20 wear them? 21 I just think it will make the problem, it will Α. 22 worsen the problem. 23 Ο. Did anyone tell you that wearing eyeglasses 24 would worsen the problem with your eyes?

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                     MR. SMITH: You need two minutes?
           Let's go off the record.
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                     VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 4:21.
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           We're off the record.
                     (Brief pause.)
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                     VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the
                    The time is 4:29.
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           record.
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      BY MR. SMITH:
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           Mr. Salim, are you able to go forward?
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                  Mr. Salim, during the period of time
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           that you were in custody at salt pit, or what
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           you refer to as salt pit, were you
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           interrogated?
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      Α.
           And who interrogated you?
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           Americans.
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           And do you know who these Americans -- well,
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                     Do you know if these Americans were
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           FBI agents, CIA agents, military personnel?
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                     MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can
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           answer.
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THE WITNESS: Some of them were

- 2 telling me they were FBI, some of them were
- 3 telling me they were CIA.
- 4 BY MR. SMITH:
- 5 Q. Okay. And you were there for some 14 months
- 6 or so, is that right?
- 7 A. I only know it was a year and some months.
- 8 Q. Okay. I thought you approximated it at a year
- 9 and two months, is that correct, or am I
- wrong?
- 11 A. I didn't say the correct one, but I just said
- it was one year and some months.
- 13 Q. Okay. All right. Now, during that period
- that you were at salt pit, were you kept in a
- 15 -- in some sort of a cell?
- 16 A. It was a room.
- 17 O. It was a room?
- 18 A. Uh-huh.
- 19 Q. Okay. Were any other detainees kept with you
- in the room?
- 21 A. In one room?
- 22 Q. Yes.
- 23 A. One time.
- Q. So one night, he shared the room?

- 1 A. I remember like three or four days.
- Q. Okay. And other than that, you were kept
- 3 alone in this room?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Can you describe the room for the record?
- 6 A. I can recall a little.
- 7 O. I'm sorry?
- 8 A. I can recall a little bit.
- 9 Q. Tell me what you recall.
- 10 A. It was a room like from this wall up to the
- 11 table there, up to there. (Gesturing.)
- 12 Q. Okay. So can we approximate to say 10 feet by
- 13 8 feet, does that sound right?
- 14 A. I don't know anything to do with feet.
- 15 Q. Okay. What about 4 centimeters by 2-1/2
- 16 centimeters?
- I'm sorry. I said centimeters. I
- meant meters. Four meters by 2-1/2 meters.
- 19 Sorry about that.
- MR. HOFFMAN: That's very small.
- 21 MR. SMITH: See if you guys were all
- 22 paying attention.
- 23 THE WITNESS: I don't know about
- 24 meters. I can just estimate what I've shown

Page 217 1 should I keep going? 2. INTERPRETER ODANGA: Sure. MR. SMITH: Go ahead. 3 4 (Translating.) BY MR. SMITH: 5 "He is unaware of any facts that would 6 Q. 7 establish the defendants' responsibility for that injury and, accordingly, does not here 8 9 pursue damages for this injury." 10 I don't know. I just know that I was Α. 11 persecuted. I don't know if they were 12 involved in it. My lawyers can answer that. Through my lawyers investigation, they can 13 know. 14 So are you aware, Mr. Salim, that you have 15 Ο. 16 conceded that there are no facts that establish the defendants' responsibility for 17 18 this rape that you contend? 19 I can't, myself, I can't know who was Α. 20 responsible. My lawyers, through their 21 investigation, can answer that. 22 Q. I understand, but I'm asking the witness if he 23 is aware that his lawyers have conceded that 24 there are no facts to establish the

Page 218 1 defendants' responsibility. 2. MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. You can answer it. 3 THE WITNESS: I don't know. 4 5 BY MR. SMITH: Is today the first day you're hearing about 6 Q. 7 it? Objection. You can 8 MR. HOFFMAN: 9 answer. 10 THE WITNESS: Yes. 11 BY MR. SMITH: Okay. And is -- well, strike that. 12 13 Mr. Salim, I want to change subject 14 matters. After you left the salt pit, where 15 were you taken to? 16 Α. Bagram. 17 Q. Who sent you to Bagram? 18 INTERPRETER ODANGA: Who sent? 19 MR. SMITH: You to Bagram. I don't know him. 20 Α. 21 How were you taken there? Q. 22 Α. Through a helicopter or airplane. 23 Did you see the people who actually took you Ο. 24 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 Q. 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,
- 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
- 23 were you taken?
- 24 A. It was like a room.

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JOHN "BRUCE" JESSEN,

Defendants.

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- 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 Q. 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 O. What did you have?
- 16 A. Banana.
- 17 Q. One banana?
- 18 A. They brought bananas that were cut in pieces,
- 19 so I don't know whether they were -- the
- 20 number.
- 21 Q. Okay. And is that, typically, what you have
- for breakfast?
- 23 A. Ever since I came here, I've been having that.
- 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
- 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 O. And what -- if it's not a flashback to
- 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 0. 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
- captivity in 2003. I think that's what you
- told me yesterday.
- Do you remember that?
- 24 A. Yes.

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      SUFFOLK, SS:
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                    I, JANE M. BORROWMAN, Registered
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           Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and
           for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do
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           hereby certify that on March 15, 2017,
           Suleiman Abdullah Salim, the witness whose
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           deposition is hereinbefore set forth, was duly
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           sworn by me and that such deposition is a true
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           record of the testimony given by the witness.
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                    I further certify that I am neither
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           related to or employed by any of the parties
           in or counsel to this action, nor am I
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           financially interested in the action.
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                    In witness whereof, I have hereunto
           set my hand and seal this 28th day of March
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           2017.
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                          Notary Public
                          RPR No. 001420
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      My commission expires:
      7 December 2023
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