1 2 3 4 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 8 9 ADEL HASSAN HAMAD Plaintiff. Civil Action No. 10 ٧. PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR 11 DAMAGES FOR FORCED ROBERT M. GATES, in his individual **DISAPPEARANCE**; PROLONGED capacity; DONALD RUMSFELD, in his 12 ARBITRARY DETENTION; CRUEL, individual capacity, PAUL WOLFOWITZ, in INHUMAN. OR DEGRADING his individual capacity; GORDON TREATMENT; TORTURE; WAR 13 ENGLAND, in his individual capacity; CRIMES FOR TARGETING A James M. McGARRAH, in his individual **CIVILIAN; AND FOR VIOLATION OF** capacity; RICHARD B. MYERS, in his 14 **DUE PROCESS, ALL IN VIOLATION** individual capacity; PETER PACE, in his OF THE LAW OF NATIONS individual capacity; MIICHAEL GLENN 15 PURSUANT TO THE ALIEN TORT "MIKE" MULLEN; in his individual capacity; STATUTE: AND VIOLATION OF THE JAMES T. HILL; in his individual capacity; FIFTH AMENDMENT OF THE 16 BANTZ CRADDOCK; in his individual UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION capacity; GEOFFREY D. MILLER, in his (BIVENS CLAIM) individual capacity; JAY HOOD; in his 17 individual capacity; HARRY B. HARRIS, JURY DEMAND Jr. in his individual capacity; MARK H. 18 BUZBY, in his individual capacity; ADOLPH MCQUEEN, in his individual 19 capacity; NELSON CANNON; in his individual capacity; MICHAEL BUMGARNER, in his individual capacity; 20 WADE DENNIS, in his individual capacity; BRUCE VARGO, in his individual capacity; 21 ESTEBAN RODRIGUEZ, in his individual capacity; DANIEL MCNEILL, in his

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individual capacity; GREGORY J. IHDE, in his individual capacity, JOHN DOE 1, in his individual capacity; JOHN DOE 2, in

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his individual capacity; JOHN DOES 3-100, in their individual capacities, Defendants.

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Plaintiff Adel Hassan Hamad ("Mr. Hamad"), by and through his counsel, respectfully alleges the following:

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of himself.
- 2. Mr. Hamad is a fifty-two-year-old native, citizen, and current resident of the Sudan.
- 3. Even though he was a civilian and an innocent humanitarian aid worker, he was unlawfully seized from his apartment in Pakistan in July of 2002, upon information and belief, at the direction of an American official. After being unlawfully held in Pakistan and at the United States Bagram Air Force Base in Bagram, Afghanistan ("Bagram" or sometimes referred to as "Baghram") where he was subjected to torture and cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment, Mr. Hamad was transferred in March 2003 to United States Guantánamo Bay Naval Base ("Guantánamo") in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba where he was unlawfully held until December 2007. During the time at Guantánamo, he was also subjected to cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment and treatment that rises to the level of torture. All of these acts were done at the direction of, or by, American citizens affiliated with the United States government or military, but who were acting outside the scope of their employment

and/or authority.

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- Certain officials within the U.S. government, including some of those named as defendants, knew or should have known that many of the men seized and held at Guantánamo Bay were innocent. This lawsuit alleges that Mr. Hamad was one of these innocent men.
- Col. Lawrence B. Wilkerson (Ret.), a former high-level official with the United States government has alleged, through a declaration in plaintiff's counsel's possession, that he has personal knowledge that certain United States officials, including Defendant Rumsfeld, knew that they had seized and were holding innocent men at Guantánamo Bay, and that they simply refused to release them out of fear of political repercussions. The declaration also alleges that there was no meaningful way to determine who was an enemy combatant and who was not, both in the field and at Guantánamo Bay.
- Mr. Hamad is married with five living children and two deceased children. The illegal actions against Mr. Hamad resulted in loss of income to his wife and children, leaving them destitute. One of his daughters was born shortly after Mr. Hamad was seized, and died while Mr. Hamad was held at Guantánamo because the family could not afford proper medical care while he was detained and unable to work. Because of Mr. Hamad's detention in Guantánamo, he was never able to help, see or hold his daughter.
- Mr. Hamad was never properly charged nor tried for any criminal act. Mr. Hamad has never engaged in terrorism, acts supporting terrorism, or violence

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- 8. In total, Mr. Hamad was detained for approximately five and one-half years and was under the exclusive control of the United States at Bagram and Guantánamo for all but six months of that time, during which he was detained without charge in a Pakistani prison near Islamabad.
- 9. Mr. Hamad was not given notice of the basis for his detention until more than two years after first being detained, when a Combatant Status Review Tribunal (CSRT) was convened in November 2004. Not until March 2005, nearly three full years after initially being detained, was Mr. Hamad officially labeled an "enemy combatant" by the flawed CSRT process. However, this determination drew a rare dissenting opinion that acknowledged his enemy combatant status determination was unwarranted and as such, would have "unconscionable results." The basis for Mr. Hamad's enemy combatant determination was simply because of his association as an employee of two organizations for whom he had done humanitarian and charity work (one of which he had left years before), and nothing more.
- 10. In fact, a second CSRT was ordered for Mr. Hamad in November of 2007, one month before he was ultimately released to the Sudan. This was unusual, and indicates that the government recognized that the initial CSRT determination of Mr. Hamad was not accurate.
- 11. Flaws in the CSRT process include the following: (1) detainees are afforded inadequate due process, (2) detainees are presumed guilty of being enemy

combatants, (3) detainees are not permitted to review classified evidence that is used to justify an enemy combatant determination, (4) detainees are not afforded access to counsel, and (5) detainees are not permitted to present their own witnesses or evidence

- 12. In March of 2007, Mr. Hamad's habeas counsel was notified via electronic mail that Mr. Hamad was eligible for transfer back home to Sudan. However, in negotiations with the Sudanese government for transfer, Mr. Hamad's habeas counsel learned that United States military had actually cleared Adel for return home to Sudan on November 15, 2005. A heavily censored copy of this clearance decision confirms the decision on Adel was made immediately after the ARB reviewed his case.
- 13. Despite the email notification, Mr. Hamad continued to be unlawfully detained and was not transferred to the Sudan until approximately December 12, 2007, following negotiations between officials of the United States and Sudanese governments.
- 14. Plaintiff seeks compensation for the forced disappearance, prolonged arbitrary detention, inhuman, degrading and cruel treatment, torture, for being targeted during time of war as a civilian, and due process violations that Plaintiff suffered while under and relating to the custody of the United States and its agents at Bagram and Guantánamo, and to hold responsible those officials charged with the unwarranted custody of Plaintiff.
- 15. Plaintiff brings this action for compensatory and punitive damages against

Defendants Gates, Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz, England, McGarrah, Myers, Pace, Mullen, Hill, Craddock, Miller, Hood, Harris, Buzby, McQueen, Cannon, Bumgarner, Dennis, Vargo, Rodriguez, McNeill, Ihde, Doe 1, Doe 2, and Does 3-100 for their roles in the harms committed against Plaintiff in violation of domestic and international law. Defendants exercised command responsibility over, conspired with, aided and abetted subordinates, and/or directly or indirectly participated in the commission of abusive and illegal practices alleged herein, including prolonged arbitrary detention, cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment, due process violations, and torture of Mr. Hamad at Bagram and Guantánamo. Plaintiff also brings this action against Does 1-100, who exercised command responsibility over, conspired with, aided and abetted subordinates, and/or directly or indirectly participated in the harms against Mr. Hamad. Accordingly, Defendants are liable under domestic and international law for the injuries, pain, and suffering of Plaintiff in their individual capacities.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 16. This Court has jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question jurisdiction) and 28 U.S.C. § 1350 (Alien Tort Statute). As an alternative to federal question jurisdiction, because the claims for violation of the law of nations can also be brought as state common law claims, this Court also has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332 (diversity jurisdiction).
- The Military Commissions Act (MCA) jurisdiction stripping provision, Section 7, which amends 28 U.S.C. § 2241, does not prevent this Court from exercising jurisdiction, for reasons including, but not limited to:
 - a. The Supreme Court in Boumediene v. Bush, 128 S. Ct. 2229 (2008),

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invalidated § 7 in its entirety;

- b. Even if U.S.C. § 2241(e)(2) survived *Boumediene*, the provision is unconstitutional on other grounds;
- c. The provision is an unconstitutional bill of attainder;
- d. The provision is not applicable to Mr. Hamad because, *inter alia*, he was not properly determined to be an enemy combatant.
- 18. This action is brought pursuant to violations of the law of nations under the Alien Tort Statute and also brought directly under the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution. As an alternative, the claims for violation of the law of nations may also be brought under state common law.
- 19. Venue is proper in the United States District Court of Western Washington pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(3) as Defendant Robert M. Gates is domiciled there.

III. PARTIES

20. Adel Hassan Hamad, a fifty-two-year-old native, citizen, and current resident of the Sudan, is married with five living children, one deceased son and one deceased daughter. Mr. Hamad was unlawfully taken without probable cause, upon information and belief, at the direction of an unknown American official on July 18, 2002. He was held as a prisoner under the exclusive control of the United States at Bagram from approximately January 2003 until being transferred on approximately March 15, 2003 to Guantánamo, where his illegal detention continued until he was transferred to the Sudan on approximately December 12, 2007.

Defendants

21. Defendant Robert M. Gates is a United States citizen domiciled in Washington
State. Defendant Gates owns property in Washington State, including residences,
has publicly acknowledged intentions to return to Washington State after
employment with the United States government, and upon information and belief,
has at various times resided in Washington State. Defendant Gates is currently the
United States Secretary of Defense after taking office on December 18, 2006,
including the period of time in which the events herein described occurred. At all
relevant times, Defendant Gates possessed and exercised command and control
over the United States military and the United States detention facility at
Guantánamo. Defendant Gates is sued in his individual capacity for ordering,
authorizing, condoning, creating methods and procedures for, exercising command
responsibility over, conspiring with, aiding and abetting subordinates, and/or directly
or indirectly participating in the abuses of Plaintiff as hereinafter alleged.
22. Defendant Donald H. Rumsfeld is a United States citizen residing in Illinois.
Defendant Rumsfeld was the United States Secretary of Defense from January 20,
2001 until December 18, 2006, including the period of time in which the events
herein described began. At all relevant times, Defendant Rumsfeld possessed and
exercised command and control over the United States military and the United
States detention facility at Guantánamo. Defendant Rumsfeld is sued in his
individual capacity for ordering, authorizing, condoning, creating methods and
procedures for, exercising command responsibility over, conspiring with, aiding and
abetting subordinates, and/or directly or indirectly participating in the abuses of

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Defendant Paul Wolfowitz is a United States citizen residing in Maryland. Defendant Wolfowitz was Deputy Secretary of Defense from March 2, 2001 until March 17 2005, including the period of time in which events herein described occurred. In particular, Mr. Wolfowitz was responsible for creating and overseeing the implementation of the flawed CSRTs, through memoranda which called for specific treatment of detainees. Defendant Wolfowitz is sued in his individual capacity for ordering, authorizing, condoning, creating methods and procedures for, exercising command responsibility over, conspiring with, aiding and abetting subordinates, and/or directly or indirectly participating in the abuses of Plaintiff as hereinafter alleged.

Defendant Gordon England is a United States citizen and was Secretary of the Navy from October 1, 2003 until December 28, 2005 and was simultaneously the Designated Civilian Official of detainees from June 28, 2003 until May 12, 2005. During this period and in this capacity, Mr. England had a strong role in determining whether a detainee should be released or not, based on the recommendations of a CSRT or ARB. Mr. England was also Deputy Secretary of Defense from May 13, 2005 until February 20, 2009, including the period of time in which events herein described occurred. During this period and in this capacity, Mr. England continued to oversee the flawed CSRT and ARB processes. Defendant England is sued in his individual capacity for ordering, authorizing, condoning, creating methods and procedures for, exercising command responsibility over, conspiring with, aiding and

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1	abetting subordinates, and/or directly or indirectly participating in the abuses of
2	Plaintiff as hereinafter alleged.
3	25. Defendant James M. McGarrah, RADM, CEC, USN, is an United States citizen
4	and was the Director of the Office for the Administrative Review of the Detention of
5	Enemy Combatants (OARDEC) and the CSRT from July 2004 to March 2006, who
6	in this capacity, helped develop the flawed ARB process, approved the CSRT
7	recommendation that Mr. Hamad be designated an enemy combatant and that the
8	case be considered final in a determination signed March 18, 2005. Defendant
9	McGarrah is sued in his individual capacity for ordering, authorizing, condoning,
10	creating methods and procedures for, exercising command responsibility over,
11	conspiring with, aiding and abetting subordinates, and/or directly or indirectly
12	participating in the abuses of Plaintiff as hereinafter alleged.
13	26. Defendant Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers is a United States citizen.
14	Defendant Myers was the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from October 1, 2001
15	until October 1, 2005. As the senior uniformed military officer in the chain of
16	command during March 2003 until October 2005, Defendant Myers possessed and
17	exercised command and control over the United States military and the United
18	States detention facility at Guantánamo. Defendant Myers is sued in his individual
19	capacity for ordering, authorizing, condoning, creating methods and procedures for,
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21	subordinates, and/or directly or indirectly participating in the abuses of Plaintiff as

until November 9, 2004. During his tenure as the senior commander with authority

1	over the United States detention facility at Guantánamo, Defendant Hill possessed
2	and exercised command and control over subordinates at Guantánamo. Defendant
3	Hill is sued in his individual capacity for ordering, authorizing, condoning, creating
4	methods and procedures for, exercising command responsibility over, conspiring
5	with, aiding and abetting subordinates, and/or directly or indirectly participating in the
6	abuses of Plaintiff as hereinafter alleged.
7	30. Defendant Army Gen. Bantz Craddock is a United States citizen. Defendant
8	Craddock was the Commander of the United States Southern Command from
9	November 9, 2004 until October 18, 2006. During his tenure as the senior
10	commander with authority over the United States detention facility at Guantánamo,
11	Defendant Craddock possessed and exercised command and control over
12	subordinates at Guantánamo. Defendant Craddock is sued in his individual capacity
13	for ordering, authorizing, condoning, creating methods and procedures for,
14	exercising command responsibility over, conspiring with, aiding and abetting
15	subordinates, and/or directly or indirectly participating in the abuses of Plaintiff as
16	hereinafter alleged.
17	31. Defendant Army Maj. Gen. Geoffrey D. Miller is a United States citizen.
18	Defendant Miller was the Commander of Joint Task Force-Guantánamo, responsible
19	for all operations at the detention facility at Guantánamo including the conduct of all
20	interrogations from October 2002 until March 2004. During his tenure, Defendant
21	Miller possessed and exercised command and control over subordinates at
22	Guantánamo. Defendant Miller is sued in his individual capacity for ordering,

1	authorizing, condoning, creating methods and procedures for, exercising command
2	responsibility over, conspiring with, aiding and abetting subordinates, and/or directly
3	or indirectly participating in the abuses of Plaintiff as hereinafter alleged.
4	32. Defendant Army Brig. Gen. Jay Hood is a United States citizen. Defendant
5	Hood was the Commander of Joint Task Force-Guantánamo, responsible for all
6	operations at the detention facility at Guantánamo including the conduct of all
7	interrogations from March 2004 until March 2006. During his tenure, Defendant
8	Hood possessed and exercised command and control over subordinates at
9	Guantánamo. Defendant Hood is sued in his individual capacity for ordering,
10	authorizing, condoning, creating methods and procedures for, exercising command
11	responsibility over, conspiring with, aiding and abetting subordinates, and/or directly
12	or indirectly participating in the abuses of Plaintiff as hereinafter alleged.
13	33. Defendant Navy Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr. is a United States citizen.
14	Defendant Harris was the Commander of Joint Task Force-Guantánamo,
15	responsible for all operations at the detention facility at Guantánamo including the
16	conduct of all interrogations from March 2006 until May 2007. During his tenure,
17	Defendant Harris possessed and exercised command and control over subordinates
18	at Guantánamo. Defendant Harris is sued in his individual capacity for ordering,
19	authorizing, condoning, creating methods and procedures for, exercising command
20	responsibility over, conspiring with, aiding and abetting subordinates, and/or directly
21	or indirectly participating in the abuses of Plaintiff as hereinafter alleged.

34. Defendant Rear Adm. Mark H. Buzby is a United States citizen. Defendant

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1	Buzby was the Commander of Joint Task Force-Guantánamo, responsible for all
2	operations at the detention facility at Guantánamo including the conduct of all
3	interrogations from May 2007 until January 2008. During his tenure, Defendant
4	Buzby possessed and exercised command and control over subordinates at
5	Guantánamo. Defendant Buzby is sued in his individual capacity for ordering,
6	authorizing, condoning, creating methods and procedures for, exercising command
7	responsibility over, conspiring with, aiding and abetting subordinates, and/or directly
8	or indirectly participating in the abuses of Plaintiff as hereinafter alleged.
9	35. Defendant Army Col. Adolph McQueen is a United States citizen. Defendant
10	McQueen was the Commander of Joint Detention Operations Group at the United
11	States detention facility at Guantánamo, responsible for guarding the detainees and
12	providing security from November 2002 until August 2003. During his tenure,
13	Defendant McQueen possessed and exercised command and control over
14	subordinates at Guantánamo. Defendant McQueen is sued in his individual capacity
15	for ordering, authorizing, condoning, creating methods and procedures for,
16	exercising command responsibility over, conspiring with, aiding and abetting
17	subordinates, and/or directly or indirectly participating in the abuses of Plaintiff as
18	hereinafter alleged.
19	36. Defendant Army Brig. Gen. Nelson Cannon is a United States citizen.
20	Defendant Cannon was the Commander of Joint Detention Operations Group at the
21	United States detention facility at Guantánamo, responsible for guarding the
22	detainees and providing security from August 2003 until September 2004. During

1	his tenure, Defendant Cannon possessed and exercised command and control over
2	subordinates at Guantánamo. Defendant Cannon is sued in his individual capacity
3	for ordering, authorizing, condoning, creating methods and procedures for,
4	exercising command responsibility over, conspiring with, aiding and abetting
5	subordinates, and/or directly or indirectly participating in the abuses of Plaintiff as
6	hereinafter alleged.
7	37. Defendant Army Col. Michael "Mike" Bumgarner is a United States citizen.
8	Defendant Bumgarner was the Commander of Joint Detention Operations Group at
9	the United States detention facility at Guantánamo, responsible for guarding the
10	detainees and providing security from April 2005 until March 2006. During his
11	tenure, Defendant Bumgarner possessed and exercised command and control over
12	subordinates at Guantánamo. Defendant Bumgarner is sued in his individual
13	capacity for ordering, authorizing, condoning, creating methods and procedures for,
14	exercising command responsibility over, conspiring with, aiding and abetting
15	subordinates, and/or directly or indirectly participating in the abuses of Plaintiff as
16	hereinafter alleged.
17	38. Defendant Army Col. Wade Dennis is a United States citizen. Defendant
18	Dennis was the Commander of Joint Detention Operations Group at the U.S.
19	detention facility at Guantánamo, responsible for guarding the detainees and
20	providing security from March 2006 until June 2007. During his tenure, Defendant
21	Dennis possessed and exercised command and control over subordinates at
22	Guantánamo. Defendant Dennis is sued in his individual capacity for ordering,

1	authorizing, condoning, creating methods and procedures for, exercising command
2	responsibility over, conspiring with, aiding and abetting subordinates, and/or directly
3	or indirectly participating in the abuses of Plaintiff as hereinafter alleged.
4	39. Defendant Army Col. Bruce Vargo is a United States citizen. Defendant Vargo
5	was the Commander of Joint Detention Operations Group at the United States
6	detention facility at Guantánamo, responsible for guarding the detainees and
7	providing security from July 2007 until Mr. Hamad's release in December 2007.
8	During his tenure, Defendant Vargo possessed and exercised command and control
9	over subordinates at Guantánamo. Defendant Vargo is sued in his individual
10	capacity for ordering, authorizing, condoning, creating methods and procedures for,
11	exercising command responsibility over, conspiring with, aiding and abetting
12	subordinates, and/or directly or indirectly participating in the abuses of Plaintiff as
13	hereinafter alleged.
14	40. Defendant Esteban (aka Steven, aka Stephen) Rodriguez is a United States
15	citizen. Defendant Rodriguez was the civilian Director of the Joint Intelligence Group
16	responsible for managing intelligence-gathering operations at Guantánamo and
17	reporting to the Commander of the Joint Task Force at Guantánamo from July 2003
18	to October 2005. During his tenure, Defendant Rodriguez possessed and exercised
19	command and control over subordinates at Guantánamo. Defendant Rodriguez is
20	sued in his individual capacity for ordering, authorizing, condoning, creating methods
21	and procedures for, exercising command responsibility over, conspiring with, aiding
22	and abetting subordinates, and/or directly or indirectly participating in the abuses of

Plaintiff as hereinafter alleged.

41. Defendant Lt. General Daniel McNeill is a United States citizen. Defendant McNeill was Commander of the Coalition Forces in Afghanistan until March of 2003. He was responsible for all forces, intelligence activity, and treatment of prisoners in Afghanistan during his tenure. During his tenure, Defendant McNeill possessed and exercised command and control over subordinates in Afghanistan. Defendant McNeill is sued in his individual capacity for ordering, authorizing, condoning, creating methods and procedures for, exercising command responsibility over, conspiring with, aiding and abetting subordinates, and/or directly or indirectly participating in the abuses of Plaintiff as hereinafter alleged.

42. Defendant Brigadier General Gregory J. Ihde, a United States citizen, was the Commander of the United States air base in Bagram, Afghanistan during the time Mr. Hamad was detained there from January 2003 to March 2003. Defendant Ihde exercised command responsibility over, conspired with, aided and abetted subordinates, and/or directly or indirectly participated in Mr. Hamad's prolonged arbitrary detention, cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment, torture, forced disappearance and due process violations at Bagram as hereinafter alleged.

43. Defendant John Doe 1, Colonel, United States Army Tribunal President is a

United States citizen and presided over the flawed CSRT that recommended Mr.

Hamad be designated an enemy combatant, despite a strong dissenting opinion which concluded that Mr. Hamad's enemy combatant status determination was unwarranted and as such, the result would be "unconscionable." Defendant John

46. All Defendants named herein are sued in their individual capacity and are

alleged to have acted outside the scope of their employment and/or authority, especially with regard to men such as Mr. Hamad, a civilian, who was not apprehended on a battlefield and for whom there was insufficient evidence to warrant his taking, detention or treatment.

47. Plaintiff reserves the right to proceed under the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) in the event individual Defendants are found to have acted within the scope of their employment. A FTCA claim was filed on December 3, 2009, so that such a claim was filed in the event this occurs.

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IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS

Background

48. From the outset of the War on Terror following the September 11, 2001 attacks, Pakistan has been a key front-line ally to the United States. As documented in the most recent State Department Report on Pakistan issued in March, 2009, "The United States-Pakistan relationship changed significantly once Pakistan agreed to support the United States' campaign to eliminate the Taliban in Afghanistan and to join the United States in the Global War on Terror. Since September 2001, Pakistan has provided extensive assistance in the war on terror by capturing more than 600 al-Qaida members and their allies. The United States has stepped up its economic assistance to Pakistan, providing debt relief and support for a major effort for education reform."

49. As part of this relationship change, the United States and Pakistan established

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1	the Working Group on Counterterrorism and Law Enforcement Cooperation in 2002,
2	with the first meeting held in May of that year. Around this time, United States
3	involvement, particularly the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), with local
4	Pakistani police increased. It has been reported that FBI agents actively took part in
5	raids with local police, carrying weapons and directing local police in nighttime
6	arrests.
7	50. The United States military has maintained continuous control and jurisdiction
8	over Bagram since December 2001, following the invasion of Afghanistan. The base
9	has served as a primary staging center for the military during Operation: Enduring
10	Freedom. It has also served as the primary known detention centers, interrogation
11	points, and transfer centers for detainees arrested in the region, including Pakistan.
12	Numerous media reports and human rights organizations have documented the
13	harsh conditions and treatment administered to detainees at Bagram, which were
14	particularly harsh during the initial years of its operation under United States control.
15	51. The United States has maintained exclusive and continuous control and
16	jurisdiction over Guantánamo pursuant to a 1903 Lease Agreement with Cuba.
17	Beginning in early 2002, the United States began to transfer detainees seized
18	throughout the world to Guantánamo. Numerous media reports and human rights
19	organizations have documented harsh conditions and treatment administered to
20	detainees at Guantánamo.
21	52. At Guantánamo, detainees have been held indefinitely without charges ever
22	being filed against them. Under the auspices of the United States Department of

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1	Defense (DOD), the Office for the Administrative Review of the Detention of Enemy
2	Combatants (OARDEC) was created in 2004 to establish military tribunals to
3	determine the status of the individuals detained at Guantánamo. The two
4	procedures established by OARDEC were the Combatant Status Review Tribunals
5	(CSRT) and Administrative Review Boards (ARB).
6	53. Detainees' statuses have been determined by a flawed CSRT procedure,
7	designed merely to determine whether a detainee may be deemed an "enemy
8	combatant." The process fails to provide for adequate due process on numerous
9	aspects because detainees are presumed guilty of being enemy combatants, not
10	permitted to review classified evidence that is used to justify an enemy combatant
11	determination, not afforded access to counsel, and not permitted to present their
12	own witnesses or evidence.
13	54. Following an enemy combatant determination by a CSRT, a detainee's status is
14	to be reviewed annually by an ARB. The ARB is to recommend, based on current
15	evidence at the time, whether the detainee should be released, transferred, or
16	continue to be detained. At its core, the ARB was designed to "ensure no one is
17	detained any longer than is warranted"
18	Facts Specific to Plaintiff
19	55. Mr. Hamad was in the exclusive custody, care, and control of Defendants at
20	Bagram and Guantánamo from January 2003 until being released and transferred to
21	the Sudan in December 2007. He was originally detained under the name Hassan

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59. In approximately January 2003, Mr. Hamad was hooded, chained, and driven in
a van to be transferred once again. Upon arrival at a tarmac, Mr. Hamad was
thrown to the ground, roughly kicked, and retrussed in plastic cuffs by, upon
information and belief, American officials. Mr. Hamad was then put onto a non-
commercial flight to Bagram that lasted approximately two hours.

- Mr. Hamad was a prisoner under the exclusive control of the United States at the detention center at Bagram from approximately January 2003 until approximately March 15, 2003. Upon arrival at Bagram, American officials pushed and dragged Mr. Hamad outside, kicked him, cut his clothes off with a knife, and left him naked outside in the freezing cold. Dogs were set upon Mr. Hamad while watching United States military personnel laughed and mocked him.
- 61. Eventually, Mr. Hamad was taken into an empty prison cell in a hangar and given abrasive clothing to wear. There he was forced to stand for three straight days without sleep or food. He was then taken into another room where he was interrogated numerous times for the next three days and deprived of food and sleep. Every time he was moved for interrogation, Mr. Hamad was jerked, pushed, and insulted. In the interrogation room, Mr. Hamad was questioned, yelled at, and berated.
- 62. As a result of the prison in Pakistan, lack of sleep, lack of food, and the cold in the prison in Afghanistan, Mr. Hamad collapsed from malnourishment and dehydration, needing two full weeks to recover at the prison hospital. After being

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1	discharged from the hospital, he was taken to a new cell, where he was able to rest
2	and sleep.
3	63. In early March, 2003, finally, for the first time since being seized on July 18,
4	2002, Mr. Hamad had contact with outsiders, the ICRC. In addition, he was
5	permitted to write a simple letter to his wife, which was screened by United States
6	military officers.
7	64. During his detention at Bagram, Mr. Hamad was subjected to prolonged
8	arbitrary detention, cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment, torture, due process
9	violations, repeatedly interrogation, and deprived of appropriate care to the point of
10	requiring hospitalization. He was deprived of all outside contact until early March,
11	2003, shortly before his transfer to Guantánamo.
12	65. On approximately March 15, 2003, Mr. Hamad was shackled and blindfolded,
13	had muffs placed on his ears, and strapped down with a full-face muzzle for the
14	entire thirty-hour flight to Guantánamo. Bathroom use during the flight was
15	restricted.
16	66. Mr. Hamad was a prisoner under the exclusive control of the United States at
17	Guantánamo from approximately March 15, 2003 until his release and subsequent
18	transfer back to the Sudan on approximately December 12, 2007. During this time,
19	Mr. Hamad continued to be interrogated and detained, despite no reasonable basis
20	for such treatment.
21	67. For the first few weeks at Guantánamo, Mr. Hamad was held in isolation and
22	interrogated daily. Interrogations tapered off and Mr. Hamad was eventually moved

1	to Camp 4 in Camp Delta. However, during one month of his stay, Mr. Hamad was
2	held in Camp 1. In Camp 1, Mr. Hamad was isolated for twenty-two or twenty-three
3	hours a day without a mattress, blanket, regular showers, or toilet paper.
4	68. Mr. Hamad was not given notice of the basis for his detention until more than
5	two years after first being detained, after the CSRT was convened in November
6	2004.
7	CSRT Determination and ARB Review
8	69. It was not until March 2005 that Mr. Hamad was officially labeled as an "enemy
9	combatant" by the flawed CSRT process, nearly three full years since initially being
10	detained. The CSRT itself did not afford Mr. Hamad elementary due process.
11	70. A divided panel, which is rare for these military tribunals, determined that Mr.
12	Hamad was an enemy combatant simply because of his association as an employee
13	of two organizations for whom he had done humanitarian and charity work (one of
14	which he had left years before), and nothing more.
15	71. The dissenting member of the panel found that Hamad's designation as an
16	enemy combatant was unwarranted and would have "unconscionable results." The
17	decision took into account both classified and unclassified information.
18	72. A second CSRT was ordered for Mr. Hamad one month before he was
19	ultimately transferred to the Sudan in December of 2007. A second CSRT is
20	unusual, and indicates that the first CSRT determination was either not accurate or
21	that exculpatory evidence was not considered.

73. The CSRT's determination of Mr. Hamad as an enemy combatant was

1	reviewed only one time by a military ARB, which was convened between June 28,
2	2005 and August 2005. The purpose of the ARB is to provide for annual review in
3	light of the flawed CSRT procedures. In November 2005, the ARB determined, upon
4	information and belief, that Mr. Hamad was eligible to be released from Guantánamo
5	and be sent back home to the Sudan. Neither Mr. Hamad nor his habeas counsel
6	received notification of the Board's findings; nor did they receive an answer to his
7	counsel's inquiries.
8	74. No ARB was convened for Mr. Hamad in 2006, despite the requirement that an
9	ARB be held annually. However, on February 22, 2007, Mr. Hamad's habeas
10	counsel received an email from OARDEC, notifying them that Mr. Hamad, based on
11	either the ARB process or the process the Department of Defense had in place prior
12	to ARBs, had in fact been "approved to leave Guantánamo." This notification via
13	email came fifteen months after the ARB had determined Mr. Hamad eligible for
14	transfer.
15	75. Despite the ARB determination and email notification, Mr. Hamad was not
16	transferred to the Sudan until approximately December 12, 2007, following
17	negotiations between officials of the United States and Sudanese governments.
18	76. Certain officials within the U.S. government, including some of those named as
19	defendants, knew or should have known that many of the men seized and held at
20	Guantánamo Bay were innocent. Mr. Hamad was one of these innocent men.
21	77. Col. Lawrence B. Wilkerson (Ret.), a former high-level official with the United
22	States government has alleged, through a declaration in plaintiff's counsel's

possession, that he has personal knowledge that certain United States officials, including Defendant Rumsfeld, knew that they had seized and were holding innocent men at Guantánamo Bay, and that they simply refused to release them out of fear of political repercussions. The declaration also alleges that there was no meaningful way to determine who was an enemy combatant and who was not, both in the field and at Guantánamo Bay.

Habeas Petition

78. Mr. Hamad submitted a handwritten petition for a writ of habeas corpus which was officially filed on May 19, 2005. Counsel was finally appointed on October 14, 2005, and an amended petition for the writ of habeas corpus was filed by his habeas counsel on December 12, 2005. The habeas process was delayed on numerous occasions due to the acts of the government. As a consequence of this and Mr. Hamad's eventual transfer to the Sudan, no court opinion on the merits of Hamad's habeas petition was ever issued. Mr. Hamad's case was consolidated with other former prisoners who asked for the right to proceed once released or transferred based on the existence of collateral consequences. The consolidated case was dismissed on April 1, 2010 by a federal district judge in the District of Columbia.

V. INJURIES

- 79. Because of the wrongful acts of Defendants, as set forth above and herein, Mr. Hamad was caused the following injuries, among others:
 - a. Ongoing physical injuries;
 - b. Ongoing emotional and psychological injuries;

1	c. Loss of earnings and earning capacity;
2	d. Loss of interfamilial relations;
3	e. Loss of reputation;
4	f. Medical expenses, past and future.
5	VI. <u>CLAIMS FOR RELIEF</u>
6	80. Plaintiff's causes of action arise under and violate domestic and international
7	law, agreements, declarations, conventions, resolutions and treaties, including the
8	following:
9	a. Customary international law and treaties of the United States;
10	b. Statutes and common law of the United States;
11	c. Common law of numerous states, including Washington;
12	d. Other applicable laws, domestic, foreign, or international.
13	VII. <u>FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF</u>
14	(Customary International Law: Prolonged Arbitrary Detention against "United States Officials" in their Individual Capacity)
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16	81. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges the allegations contained in the preceding
17	paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
18	82. The acts described herein constitute prolonged arbitrary detention of Mr.
19	Hamad in violation of the laws of nations and are actionable under the Alien Tort
20	Statute, 28 U.S.C. § 1350, in that the acts violated customary international law
21	prohibiting prolonged arbitrary detention as reflected, expressed, and defined in
22	multilateral treaties and other international treaties, domestic and international

1	judicial decisions, and other authorities.
2	83. All Defendants are liable for said conduct in that they, acting under color of law
3	committed, directed, ordered, confirmed, ratified, had command responsibility for,
4	aided and abetted, conspired to, and/or directly or indirectly participated in bringing
5	about the prolonged arbitrary detention of Mr. Hamad. Defendants intended and/or
6	knew or should have known, that prolonged arbitrary detention was being enforced
7	by his/her subordinates and failed to prevent those abuses or punish those
8	responsible.
9	84. All Defendants practiced, encouraged, and/or condoned prolonged arbitrary
10	detention of Mr. Hamad for over five years until he was released.
11	85. As a proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiff has suffered
12	physical harm, emotional harm, and financial loss.
13	VIII. <u>SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF</u>
14	(Customary International Law: Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment against "United States Officials" in their Individual Capacity)
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16	86. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges the allegations contained in the preceding
17	paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
18	87. The acts described herein constitute cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment of
19	Mr. Hamad in violation of the laws of nations and are actionable under the Alien Tort
20	Statute, 28 U.S.C. § 1350, in that the acts violated customary international law
21	prohibiting cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment as reflected, expressed, and

defined in multilateral treaties and other international treaties, domestic and

1	international judicial decisions, and other authorities.
2	88. Defendants Gates, Rumsfeld, Myers, Pace, Mullen, Hill, Craddock, Miller,
3	Hood, Harris, Buzby, McQueen, Cannon, Bumgarner, Dennis, Vargo, Rodriguez,
4	McNeill, Ihde, and Does 3-100 are liable for said conduct in that they, acting under
5	color of law and authority as an United States official or federal officer committed,
6	directed, ordered, confirmed, ratified, had command responsibility for, aided and
7	abetted, conspired to, and/or directly or indirectly participated in bringing about the
8	cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment of Mr. Hamad. Defendants intended and/or
9	knew or should have known, that cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment was being
10	enforced by his/her subordinates and failed to prevent those abuses or punish those
11	responsible.
12	89. Defendants Gates, Rumsfeld, Myers, Pace, Mullen, Hill, Craddock, Miller,
13	Hood, Harris, Buzby, McQueen, Cannon, Bumgarner, Dennis, Vargo, Rodriguez,
14	McNeill, Ihde, and Does 3-100 practiced, encouraged, and/or condoned cruel,
15	inhuman, or degrading treatment of Mr. Hamad for over five years until he was
16	released.
17	90. As a proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiff has suffered
18	physical harm, emotional harm, and financial loss.
19	IX. THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF
20	(Customary International Law: Torture against "United States Officials" in their Individual Capacity)

91. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges the allegations contained in the preceding

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1	paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
2	92. The acts described herein constitute torture of Mr. Hamad in violation of the
3	laws of nations and are actionable under the Alien Tort Statute, 28 U.S.C. § 1350, in
4	that the acts violated customary international law against torture as reflected,
5	expressed, and defined in multilateral treaties and other international treaties,
6	domestic and international judicial decisions, and other authorities.
7	93. Defendants Gates, Rumsfeld, Myers, Pace, Mullen, Hill, Craddock, Miller,
8	Hood, Harris, Buzby, McQueen, Cannon, Bumgarner, Dennis, Vargo, Rodriguez,
9	McNeill, Ihde, and Does 3-100 are liable for said conduct in that they, acting under
10	color of law and authority as an United States official or federal officer committed,
11	directed, ordered, confirmed, ratified, had command responsibility for, aided and
12	abetted, conspired to, and/or directly or indirectly participated in bringing about the
13	torture of Mr. Hamad. Defendants intended and/or knew or should have known, that
14	torture was being enforced by his/her subordinates and failed to prevent those
15	abuses or punish those responsible.
16	94. Defendants Gates, Rumsfeld, Myers, Pace, Mullen, Hill, Craddock, Miller,
17	Hood, Harris, Buzby, McQueen, Cannon, Bumgarner, Dennis, Vargo, Rodriguez,
18	McNeill and Ihde, Does 3-100 practiced, encouraged, and/or condoned torture of Mr.
19	Hamad.
20	95. As a proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiff has suffered
21	physical harm, emotional harm, and financial loss.

XII. FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Customary International Law and Violations of the Fourth Geneva Convention:

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1	102. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges the allegations contained in the preceding
2	paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
3	103. The acts described herein constitute violations of the life and liberty interests of
4	Mr. Hamad in violation of the laws of nations and are actionable under the Alien Tort
5	Statute, 28 U.S.C. § 1350, in that the acts violated customary international law
6	requiring due process as reflected, expressed, and defined in multilateral treaties
7	and other international treaties, domestic and international judicial decisions, and
8	other authorities.
9	104. All Defendants are liable for said conduct in that they, acting under color of law
10	and his/her authority as an United States official or federal officer committed,
11	directed, ordered, confirmed, ratified, had command responsibility for, aided and
12	abetted, conspired to, and/or directly or indirectly participated in bringing about
13	violations of due process of Mr. Hamad. Defendants intended and/or knew or
14	should have known, that due process violations were being enforced by his/her
15	subordinates and failed to prevent those abuses or punish those responsible.
16	105. All Defendants practiced, encouraged, and/or condoned due process violations
17	of Mr. Hamad for over five years until he was released. Mr. Hamad was detained for
18	more than two years before his status was reviewed by a flawed CSRT.
19	106. As a proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiff has suffered
20	physical harm, emotional harm, and financial loss.

XII. SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Customary International Law: Forced Disappearance against "United States Officials" in their Individual Capacity)

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1	107. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges the allegations contained in the preceding
2	paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
3	108. The acts described herein constitute the forced disappearance of Mr. Hamad in
4	violation of the law of nations and are actionable under the Alien Tort Statute, 28
5	U.S.C. § 1350, in that the acts violated customary international law prohibiting forced
6	disappearance as reflected, expressed, and defined in multilateral treaties and other
7	international treaties, domestic and international judicial decisions, and other
8	authorities.
9	109. Defendants Rumsfeld, Myers, McNeill, Ihde, and Does 3-100 are liable for said
10	conduct in that they, acting under color of law and authority as a United States
11	official or federal officer committed, directed, ordered, confirmed, ratified, had
12	command responsibility for, aided and abetted, conspired to, and/or directly or
13	indirectly participated in the forced disappearance of Mr. Hamad.
14	110. Defendants Rumsfeld, Myers, McNeill, Ihde, and Does 3-100 intended and/or
15	knew or should have known, that Mr. Hamad's disappearance was forced by his/her
16	subordinates and failed to prevent those abuse or punish those responsible.
17	111. Defendants Rumsfeld, Myers, McNeill, Ihde, and Does 3-100 practiced,
18	encouraged, and/or condoned the forced disappearance of Mr. Hamad for eight
19	months until he was finally allowed to write a simple letter to his wife in March of
20	2003.
21	112. As a proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiff has suffered
22	physical harm, emotional harm, and financial loss.

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(United States Constitution, Fifth Amendment: Violation of Due Process against "United States Officials" in their Individual Capacity)

113. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

114. The acts described herein constitute violations of the life and liberty interests of Mr. Hamad in violation of the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution, which prohibits cruel and inhumane treatment constituting punishment.

115. Defendants Gates, Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz, England, McGarrah, Myers, Pace, Mullen, Hill, Craddock, Miller, Hood, Harris, Buzby, McQueen, Cannon, Bumgarner, Dennis, Vargo, Rodriguez, and Does 1 and 2 are liable for said conduct in that they, acting under color of law and authority as an United States official or federal officer committed, directed, ordered, confirmed, ratified, had command responsibility for, aided and abetted, conspired to, and/or directly or indirectly participated in the bringing about of due process violations of Mr. Hamad.

116. Defendants Gates, Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz, England, McGarrah, Myers, Pace, Mullen, Hill, Craddock, Miller, Hood, Harris, Buzby, McQueen, Cannon, Bumgarner, Dennis, Vargo, Rodriguez, and Does 1 and 2 intended and/or knew or should have known, that due process violations were being enforced by his/her subordinates and failed to prevent those abuses or punish those responsible.

117. Defendants Gates, Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz, England, McGarrah, Myers, Pace, Mullen, Hill, Craddock, Miller, Hood, Harris, Buzby, McQueen, Cannon, Bumgarner,

I	Dennis, Vargo, Rodriguez, and Does 1, 2, and 3-100 practiced, encouraged, and/or
2	condoned due process violations of Mr. Hamad for over five years until he was
3	finally released.
4	118. As a proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiff has suffered
5	physical harm, emotional harm, and financial loss.
6	XI. <u>PRAYER FOR RELIEF</u>
7	WHEREFORE Plaintiff respectfully requests the Court enter a judgment against
8	Defendants:
9	119. Awarding compensatory damages in an amount that is fair, just, and reasonable
10	in an amount to be proven at trial;
11	120. Awarding exemplary and punitive damages;
12	121. Awarding reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit;
13	122. Ordering such further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.
14	DATED this 7 th day of April 2010 WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC
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