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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

SAIFULLAH PARACHA,

Petitioner,

v.

Case No. 04cv02022-PLF

ORAL ARGUMENT IS REQUESTED

Hon. GEORGE W. BUSH,

et al.,

Respondents.

**AFFIDAVITS IN SUPPORT OF
PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION
ORDERING HIS REMOVAL FROM
PUNITIVE CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT
AND HIS MOTION TO BE ALLOWED A BIBLE**

Petitioner has moved for a preliminary injunction removing petitioner from punitive conditions of confinement, providing that he have access to medical care in an emergency, and/or ameliorating specific burdens of his confinement. Later, he made a specific motion to be allowed to have a Bible and other books. Petitioner now submits affidavits in support of those motions.

These affidavits would have been submitted with the motion but they were not available at that time. It was necessary for counsel to go to Guantanamo to get the affidavits, and then to send them to the Secure Facility by slow mail, and then to submit them through the Court Security Office clearance procedure. Petitioner apologizes for the handwritten corrections. Every effort has been made to make the affidavits legible.

All the affidavits were sworn to at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, on October 24, 2005.

Pages 3 and 4 read:

Saifullah Paracha deposes and says:

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 2. Someone suggested a chaplain could get me a Bible. I asked to see a chaplain.
 3. I had a Bible in my cell in Bagram. I believe this Bible is in a box here at GTMO with various effects I had at Bagram. I pointed this out to the guards.
 4. This was shortly after I got to GTMO in September 2004. I have renewed my request for a Bible from time to time since then. I still do not have a Bible.
- I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on October 24, 05.

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Paragraph 7. on page 6 reads:

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Page 7 reads:

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Page 8 reads:

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I am now back at level 1. I am still in isolation as described elsewhere, and I have no assurance I will not be returned to level 4.

Since July 2003 I have followed the policy of cooperation. Never have I been accused of any misbehavior as a prisoner.

Respectfully submitted,

November 4, 2005



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2. I suffered a myocardial infarction several years ago and have ever since then been on medication for my heart. Doctors have told me I must exercise regularly and watch my blood pressure, and that I am at risk for further heart attacks. Many of my relatives have died of heart disease. *I suffered another Heart Attack while in prison in Bagram, Afghanistan in 2003-2004.*

3. I am 58 years old. While imprisoned at Guantanamo, I suffered chest pains, *at least half a dozen times.*

4. I was unable to call for help because the intercom in my cell only works one way, inward. The cell door is heavy metal. If someone had the strength to pound on it, a guard might or might not hear it. I fear it could literally be a matter of life or death if I have another cardiac incident and am unable to call for help.

5. When I had chest pains I had no way to call for help immediately. After several hours I was able to tell guard. After several more hours a medical Corporal came by and asked some questions. On more of these occasions a doctor has examined me.

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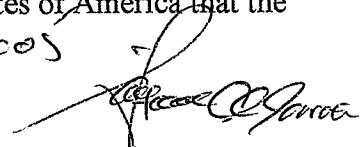
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2. My cell is approximately 7 feet by 9 feet. I have control over neither the lighting nor the temperature. The cell has one small translucent opening to the outside. This is about 4 inches by three feet of frosted glass, which admits light but through which nothing can be seen. There is also a one-way glass in the door through which the guards may look inside, but I may not see out. The door is heavy metal and largely soundproof. There is a slot in the door which the guards can open to push in meals.

3. The cell is generally uncomfortably air conditioned, down to the lower 50s, Fahrenheit, I estimate. I must wrap myself in both my blankets to keep warm.

4. Up till about July 2005, the lights were on in the cell at all times. Since then I may request that the lights be dimmed, but this request is only honored about half the time.

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~~BA being duly sworn & deposed 7 days.~~

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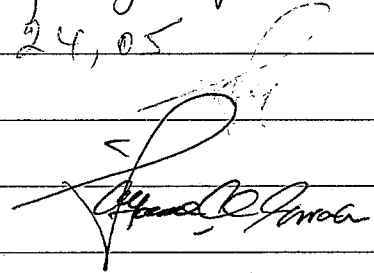
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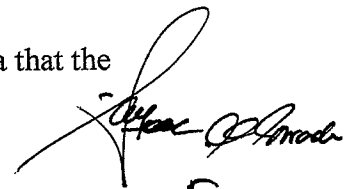
2. ~~In the year I have been at Guantanamo, I have seen the sky approximately~~
~~times~~ I know I am at Guantanamo only because people have told me. I have ~~not~~
seen the countryside ~~approximately~~ ~~times~~

3. ~~I am allowed in my cell a copy of the Koran and no other reading matter.~~ I asked for a Bible and an English dictionary but never received them. The Bible, both the Old Testament and the New Testament, is considered a holy text in Islam, so my request for a Bible is a religious request. As for the dictionary, I lived in New York for over fifteen years and I regularly use English in Pakistan, so I can communicate with the guards in English adequately, but I would like to be able to increase my vocabulary.

4. Counsel tells me he delivered several books sent by my relatives when he visited on September 14 and 15, 2004. I have not been allowed to see them.

5. I have no occupation or activity. I have no human contact except incidental exchanges with the guards. Until a few weeks ago, I was allowed one hour per day (on most but not all days) to exercise in a slightly larger ~~cell~~ ^{recreation yard}, still in solitary with no other persons. A few weeks ago this was upgraded. For a while, I was allowed one hour a day in a cell approximately 15 feet by 15 feet, within a larger area where there ~~was another~~ ^{two other rec-yards}

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~~cells~~ containing two other prisoners. We had no common language. ~~Recently they have not been there, so my exercise is again solitary.~~

I have requested to exercise with detainees who know English (or my Pakistani language, Urdu.) This has not happened.

6. The call to prayer ~~is~~^{was} broadcast over the intercom five times a day, ~~but I have~~

~~not been to a group religious service since my seizure two years ago.~~ *Recently, one of the detainees has been allowed to open the food slot in his door and lead us in the prayers.*

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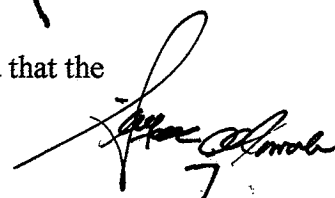
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