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IN THE NAME OF GOD THE BENEFICENT THE MOST MERCIFUL
PRAYERS UPON ALL GOD'S MESSENGERS

I had a hard time, a very hard time opening my eyes, I would say my only eye that was still there, since the other one, the left one, I had already lost it. Or is it just a dream, a horrible nightmare that was filled with blood, screams and fire shots, and what else? Medical equipment and tube feeding and blood transfer... Many physicians and many nurses [. . .] Soldiers, yes soldiers, soldiers [. . .] Yes, now I remember everything but I am still hoping that it was just a dream or a nightmare, no matter how bad they both are; they definitely would be better than this reality. I was forcing myself to open my eye wider and keep it open albeit I was heavily moving my head to keep more awake and get rid of this stubborn headache. I was dazzled and the first thing that dazzled me was the very strong light that was focused on me. I tried to cover my eye with my hands yet I found myself unable to move them, it feels like it was tied up, yes the other one was tied up too. I raised my head with difficulties. Where am I? What is this? I am totally naked on stretchers that look more like a tight metal bed that felt colder than ice, and it felt like I was lying down on ice... But I am not in a hospital. It is a large room, totally empty except for the walls; I could only see three walls, shiny white that reflected the lights in a very annoying way. So, maybe, I might still be in the hospital. Yet the room where I was looked different, even the bed itself was different. I was totally restrained to that bed there, yet I am not sure here. The headache is still there, I felt weak. Oh! The injection!! That was the last thing I remembered from the hospital. I moved my hand once again, but to no avail. I looked at it. Oh! I am handcuffed, my feet too. There is also a large white medical bandage wrapped around my entire left leg, it felt like another shackle too. So!? It was not a dream or a nightmare. It's the new reality that I have to face from now on.

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Timeline after arrest:

- maybe 1-3 days before being taken to [. . .]
- 20 days – 1 month in the hospital
- Then it was the white room, tied down in bed
- Weeks or maybe a month in the chair. Maybe two months or more
- Then he was left alone for approx 1 month

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I am writing to you to tell you about another one of the many troubles I have here in Guantanamo. Today, I will tell you about the medical problems I have, and here in this letter about merely one of them.

very day
Since I was taken into U.S. custody, nearly 10 years ago, up until today, I have been suffering from pain in my left knee. With time, pain has developed in my right knee as well. This pain plagues me on a daily basis and despite my repeated requests, the operation that is needed to stop the pain has been denied to me.

When I was in CIA custody, I saw 3 or 4 different doctors, and each one said there was a problem with the cartilage in my knee, and that I would need an operation to fix it, but ^{they said} because ^{of the circumstances here} ^{by which I understand them to mean because} ~~it was in~~ ^{GIA} ~~custody~~ they could not help me and give me the operation ~~it~~ needed.

Since ~~it~~ was brought to Guantanamo in 2006, I saw 2 specialists for this problem. The first one tried to tell me there was no problem, but I am in pain, so I know this cannot be. ^{they} The second one told me that, yes, ^{there was a problem,} if I were a patient in her practice at home, that she would operate, ^{and} out that here in Guantanamo, she did not ~~know~~ know how this could be done.

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he left without performing the operation. Since that time, when I complain about the pain, their only offer is for pain killers, and not to solve the problem. For the last two months, I have been given a joint medication, but the problem persists. They know that what I need is an operation. Why won't they provide this for me?

Is there something you can do to help?

Sincerely,

~~Handwritten signature~~

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