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Rights Groups Receive Cheney Documents, Call for Investigation, Prosecution

August 24, 2009, New York and Washington, DC—The attached documents were released today through FOIA litigation by Amnesty International USA (AIUSA), the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR), and the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice (CHRJG) at New York University School of Law. The Ghost FOIA litigation seeks disclosure of information concerning detainees—including "ghost" and unregistered prisoners—disappeared in the U.S.'s secret detention, extraordinary rendition, and coercive interrogation program. The original FOIA requests were filed with several U.S. government agencies, including the Departments of Justice and Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Said CCR Attorney Gitanjali S. Gutierrez, "These are the documents Dick Cheney was so excited to see declassified, but they don't make the case for torture, they only show that the CIA is able to tailor documents to justify its actions after the fact. The descent into torture has made the world a darker and more dangerous place for everyone."

"The CIA's release of these documents today is yet another attempt to obfuscate and distract from the real issues," said Jayne Huckerby, CHRJG's Research Director. "We now know from the CIA itself that it tortured individuals by both 'authorized' and unauthorized means. For the victims, and for the American public, a full accounting and open investigation must start there."

Said Tom Parker, AIUSA Policy Director for (counter) terrorism and human rights, "Perhaps unsurprisingly, given Vice President Cheney's track record, the two CIA memos released today are hardly the slam dunk we had been led to expect. There is little or no supporting evidence in either memo to give substance to the specific claims about impending attacks made by Khaled Shaik Mohammed in highly coercive circumstances."

These documents are available [here](#).

- * "Khalid Shaykh Muhammad: Preeminent Source On Al-Qa'ida" July 13, 2004,
- * "Detainee Reporting Pivotal for the War Against Al-Qa'ida" June 3, 2005

AIUSA, CCR, and CHRJG filed FOIA requests with several U.S. government agencies, including the CIA, DOD, DOS, DOJ, and DHS beginning in 2004.

To see the prior filings and the documents previously released through this litigation, click [here](#).

For more information or copies of legal filings in the case and released documents, please contact jnessel@ccrjustice.org, opgenhaffen@exchange.law.nyu.edu, or ssingh@aiusa.org.

For more information about the organizations involved, please see their websites: www.ccrjustice.org, www.chrgj.org, and www.amnestyusa.org.