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19 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**
20 **Division of San Jose**

20 **BINYAM MOHAMED**
21 **ABOU ELKASSIM BRITEL**
22 **AHMED AGIZA**

22 **Plaintiffs,**

23 **v.**

25 **JEPPESEN DATAPLAN, INC.**

26 **Defendant.**

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COMPLAINT

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1 COMPLAINT

2 INTRODUCTION

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4 1. This case arises from Defendant Jeppesen Dataplan, Inc.'s ("Jeppesen")
5 participation in the forced disappearance, torture, and inhumane treatment of Plaintiffs
6 Binyam Mohamed, Abou Elkassim Britel, and Ahmed Agiza by agents of the United
7 States and other governments.

8 2. Since at least 2001, Jeppesen has provided direct and substantial services to
9 the United States for its so-called "extraordinary rendition" program, enabling the
10 clandestine and forcible transportation of terrorism suspects to secret overseas detention
11 facilities where they are placed beyond the reach of the law and subjected to torture and
12 other forms of cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment. Publicly available records
13 demonstrate that Jeppesen facilitated more than 70 secret rendition flights over a four-
14 year period to countries where it knew or reasonably should have known that detainees
15 are routinely tortured or otherwise abused in contravention of universally accepted legal
16 standards.

17 3. On April 10, 2002, Binyam Mohamed, a British resident seeking to return to
18 the United Kingdom from Pakistan, was arrested in Karachi, Pakistan and turned over to
19 agents of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency.
20 After four months of interrogation, during which time he was refused access to a lawyer,
21 CIA agents stripped him and dressed him in overalls, blindfolded him, shackled his
22 hands and feet, strapped him to the seat of a plane, and flew him to Rabat, Morocco.

23 4. For the next eighteen months, Mr. Mohamed was secretly detained,
24 interrogated, and tortured by agents of the Moroccan intelligence services. On January
25 21, 2004, he was once more stripped, blindfolded, and shackled by agents of the CIA and
26 flown to the secret U.S. detention facility known as the "Dark Prison," in Kabul,
27 Afghanistan. There, Mr. Mohamed was subjected to several more months of detention,
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1 interrogation, and torture by U.S. intelligence agents before being transferred to Bagram
2 airbase outside Kabul. In September 2004, Mr. Mohamed was transferred to the Naval
3 Station at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba where he remains.

4 5. On March 10, 2002, Abou Elkassim Britel, an Italian citizen, was
5 apprehended by Pakistani police in Lahore, Pakistan. After two months of interrogation,
6 during which time his repeated requests to speak with the Italian consulate were denied,
7 he was turned over to CIA agents who stripped him, dressed him in overalls, blindfolded
8 him, shackled his hands and feet, and flew him to Rabat, Morocco.

9 6. For more than eight months, Mr. Britel was secretly detained, interrogated,
10 and tortured by agents of the Moroccan intelligence services until he was released
11 without charges in February 2003. In May 2003 he was arrested by Moroccan
12 authorities while attempting to return to Italy. In the same month, following a trial that
13 failed to comport with universally recognized fair trial standards, Mr. Britel was
14 sentenced to fifteen years in prison for his alleged involvement in terrorist-related
15 activities. His sentence was subsequently reduced to nine years on appeal.

16 7. On December 18, 2001, Ahmed Agiza, an Egyptian citizen seeking asylum in
17 Sweden, was secretly apprehended by Swedish security police, handed over to agents of
18 the CIA, and then stripped, dressed in overalls, chained, shackled, drugged, and flown
19 from Stockholm to Cairo. There, he was turned over to agents of the Egyptian
20 intelligence services who detained, interrogated, and tortured him.

21 8. For the first five weeks after his arrival in Egypt Mr. Agiza was detained
22 incommunicado. During this time and for some ten weeks thereafter he was repeatedly
23 and severely tortured and denied meaningful access to consular officials, family
24 members, and lawyers. In April 2004, following trial before a military tribunal that
25 failed to comport with universally recognized fair trial standards, Mr. Agiza was
26 convicted and sentenced to twenty-five years in prison for membership in an
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1 organization banned under Egyptian law. The sentence has since been reduced to fifteen
2 years.

3 9. Plaintiffs Mohamed, Britel, and Agiza were victims of an unlawful program,
4 devised and developed by the CIA. Commonly known as "extraordinary rendition," the
5 program involves the clandestine apprehension and transfer of persons suspected of
6 involvement in terrorist activities to secret detention and interrogation facilities in
7 countries outside the United States, utilizing methods impermissible under U.S. and
8 international law. The program has been carried out by the CIA with the assistance of
9 U.S.-based corporations that have provided the aircraft, flight crews, and flight and
10 logistical support necessary for hundreds of international flights.

11 10. In return for undisclosed fees, Jeppesen has played a critical role in the
12 successful implementation of the extraordinary rendition program. It has furnished
13 essential flight and logistical support to aircraft used by the CIA to transfer terror
14 suspects to secret detention and interrogation facilities in countries such as Morocco and
15 Egypt where, according to the U.S. Department of State, the use of torture is "routine,"
16 as well as to U.S.-run detention facilities overseas, where the United States government
17 maintains that the safeguards of U.S. law do not apply.

18 11. Jeppesen provided these services to the CIA in connection with the forced
19 disappearances, torture, and other inhumane treatment of Mr. Mohamed, Mr. Britel, and
20 Mr. Agiza. Among other services provided, Jeppesen prepared pre-departure flight
21 planning services, including itinerary, route weather, and fuel plans for both aircraft
22 involved in their renditions; procured necessary landing and overflight permits for all
23 legs of the rendition flights; and through local agents, arranged fuel and ground handling
24 for the aircraft; filed flight plans with national and inter-governmental air traffic control
25 authorities; paid passenger fees for the crew; and made arrangements to secure the safety
26 of the aircraft and crew on the ground.

- 1 • Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearance of Persons, 33 I.L.M. 1429
2 (1994), entered into force March 28, 1996;
- 3 • International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced
4 Disappearance, E/CN.4/2005/WG.22/WP.1/Rev.4 (2005);
- 5 • United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or
6 Degrading Treatment or Punishment, G.A. res. 39/46, annex, 39 U.N. GAOR
7 Supp. (No. 51) at 197, U.N. Doc. A/39/51 (1984), *entered into force* June 26,
8 1987;
- 9 • Universal Declaration of Human Rights, G.A. res. 217A (III), U.N. Doc. A/810 at
10 71 (1948);
- 11 • International Convention on Civil and Political Rights, G.A. res. 2200A (XXI),
12 21 U.N. GAOR Supp. (No. 16) at 52, U.N. Doc. A/6316 (1966), 999 U.N.T.S.
13 171, *entered into force* Mar. 23, 1976.

14 23. Accordingly, the challenged conduct falls within the body of acts deemed
15 actionable under the federal common law by the United States Supreme Court in *Sosa*.
16 Moreover, since *Sosa*, courts have consistently recognized the existence of complicity
17 liability under the ATS. *See, e.g., Cabello v. Fernandez-Larios*, 402 F.3d 1148, 1157
18 (11th Cir. 2005); *Bowoto v. Chevron Texaco Corp.*, 2006 WL 2455752 *3 (N.D. Cal. 2006);
19 *Presbyterian Church of Sudan v. Talisman Energy, Inc.*, 244 F. Supp. 2d 289, 321-324
20 (S.D.N.Y. 2003).

21 FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

22 General Facts

23 **The United States Extraordinary Rendition Program**

24 24. On information and belief, beginning in the early 1990s and continuing to
25 this day, the CIA, together with other U.S. government agencies, has developed an
26 intelligence-gathering program involving the apprehension and transfer of foreign
27 nationals suspected of involvement in terrorism to detention and interrogation in

1 countries where, in the United States' view, federal and international legal safeguards do
2 not apply.

3 25. Suspects are detained at facilities outside U.S. sovereign territory, run by
4 either U.S. or foreign authorities, where they are interrogated by U.S. or foreign
5 intelligence agents. In all instances, detention and interrogation methods that do not
6 comport with federal and internationally recognized standards are employed. The
7 program is commonly known as "extraordinary rendition."

8 26. Testifying before a hearing of the Joint House/Senate Intelligence
9 Committee in October 2002, George J. Tenet, then Director of Central Intelligence,
10 described the rendition program as a key counterterrorism tool, and testified that in an
11 unspecified period before September 11, 2001, the United States had undertaken 70 such
12 renditions.

13 27. On information and belief, since the September 11, 2001 attacks, the
14 primary objective of the rendition program, the transfer of suspects to stand trial, has
15 altered significantly and is now aimed at the clandestine apprehension, transfer,
16 detention, and interrogation of foreign nationals suspected of involvement in terrorism
17 outside the United States.

18 28. On information and belief, the extraordinary rendition program serves two
19 discrete functions: it permits agents of the United States to apprehend and detain foreign
20 nationals whom it considers terrorist suspects outside U.S. sovereign territory; and it
21 permits those agents, either on their own or through counterparts in foreign intelligence
22 agencies, to employ interrogation methods that would be prohibited under federal or
23 international law as a means of obtaining information from suspects.

24 29. Memoranda prepared by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Legal
25 Counsel have consistently advanced the position that foreign nationals held at such
26 facilities, outside U.S. sovereign territory, are not protected by the Constitution or by
27 U.S. obligations under international law, and that U.S. officials cannot, therefore, be held
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1 accountable in U.S. courts for actions carried out in relation to such persons. For
2 example, government lawyers have advanced this argument in habeas corpus
3 proceedings brought on behalf of foreign nationals detained and interrogated at
4 Guantánamo.

5 30. Pursuant to the extraordinary rendition program, foreign nationals suspected
6 of involvement in terrorism have been apprehended and transported to detention and
7 interrogation facilities in Morocco, Egypt, Afghanistan, Syria, Jordan, Guantánamo, and
8 elsewhere. Of the foreign countries involved, Egypt, in particular, has played a leading
9 role in the extraordinary rendition program. On May 15, 2005, the Egyptian Prime
10 Minister stated publicly that Egypt had assisted the United States in the rendition of 60 to
11 70 terrorist suspects since the September 11 attacks.

12 31. Since at least 2001, the press had begun to report on the existence of the
13 program as well as details of its operation. For example, on November 20, 2001, the
14 Wall Street Journal published a detailed, front-page investigative story on earlier CIA-
15 orchestrated renditions to torture in Egypt. The article described the 1998 arrests of
16 several Egyptian terrorism suspects in Albania by local authorities at the behest of the
17 CIA, and the use of unmarked "CIA-chartered plane[s]" to send them to Egypt, where
18 they were detained and interrogated under torture. Two of the men were hanged in 2000.
19 The article's authors were explicit about the incident's relevance, arguing that it
20 "illuminates some of the tactical and moral questions that lie ahead in the global war on
21 terrorism. Taking this fight to the enemy will mean teaming up with foreign security
22 services that engage in political repression and pay little heed to human rights."

23 **Use of Torture by Moroccan Intelligence Services**

24 32. The United States Department of State has long documented the prevalence
25 of torture and other forms of inhumane treatment in Morocco, particularly for detainees
26 in the custody of the country's security and intelligence services. For instance, State
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1 Department reports for 2002 and 2003, spanning the years that Plaintiffs Mohamed and
2 Britel were rendered to detention and interrogation in Morocco, noted that members of
3 the security forces “tortured or otherwise abused detainees,” while the failure to
4 prosecute such cases “raised concerns regarding the Government’s commitment to
5 resolving the problem.” The reports also listed several documented killings of prisoners
6 by security personnel. The 2003 report documented that the use of torture by security
7 personnel became even more commonplace following the passage of a new “anti-
8 terrorist” law in May, and that “[a]ttorneys for some persons convicted under the new
9 anti-terrorism law claimed their clients were convicted on the basis of confessions
10 coerced by torture.”

11 33. U.N. Human Rights bodies and international non-governmental
12 organizations reported similar findings during this period. For example, in a 2002 report,
13 Amnesty International documented that “scores of detainees were tortured or ill-treated
14 in custody in order to extract confessions or to force them to sign statements which they
15 rejected or denied,” and that many of the victims were “Islamists held in secret detention
16 and accused of involvement in or planning violent acts.” And, mirroring the State
17 Department report, in 2003, the organization reported “an alarming upsurge in the
18 number of allegations of torture and ill-treatment” over the previous two years and stated
19 that many suspects “were reportedly tortured while held in secret and unacknowledged
20 detention by the Directorate for the Surveillance of the Territory (the internal intelligence
21 service).”

22 **Use of Torture by Egyptian Intelligence Services**

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24 34. In Egypt as well, for well over a decade, the United States Department of
25 State has documented that torture and other forms of inhumane treatment are routine.
26 These reports make clear that terrorism suspects in the custody of the intelligence
27 services are particularly vulnerable to such treatment. For example, in its 2001 report,

1 the State Department noted that “[i]n combating terrorism, the security forces continued
2 to mistreat and torture prisoners, arbitrarily arrest and detain persons, and hold detainees
3 in prolonged pretrial detention.” The report noted that “[t]orture takes place in SSIS
4 [State Security Investigations Services] offices, including its headquarters in Cairo, and
5 at CSF [Central Security Forces] camps. Torture victims usually are taken to an SSIS
6 office, where they are handcuffed, blindfolded, and questioned about their associations,
7 religious beliefs, and political views. Torture is used to extract information, coerce the
8 victims to end their antigovernment activities, and deter others from similar activities.”

9 35. U.N. Human Rights bodies, as well as international and national non-
10 governmental organizations, including Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and
11 the Egyptian Organization for Human Rights, have also documented that since at least
12 1993, the use of torture has become a widespread phenomenon in Egypt and has been
13 especially prevalent among members of the country’s intelligence services in cases with
14 national security overtones.

15 **Use of Torture at U.S. Detention Facilities in Afghanistan**

16 36. The existence of U.S.-run detention centers in Afghanistan and elsewhere, as
17 well as the use of torture and other inhumane interrogation techniques by U.S. officials,
18 has been widely reported and documented since at least 2002. News reports from this
19 time revealed that individuals apprehended after September 11, 2001, and held by the
20 U.S. at military bases or detention facilities in Afghanistan, were regularly subjected to
21 illegal interrogation methods, physical abuse, and torture at the hands of U.S. personnel.
22 As early as 2002, Amnesty International released a series of reports into the alleged
23 killings and mistreatment of detainees by U.S. forces in Afghanistan. And, in December,
24 2002 the Washington Post described how “captives are often ‘softened up’ by MPs and
25 U.S. Army Special Forces troops who beat them up and confine them in tiny rooms.”
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1 The Post also reported that “alleged terrorists are commonly blindfolded and thrown into
2 walls, bound in painful positions, subject to loud noises and deprived of sleep.”

3 37. In March, 2003, The New York Times also reported extensively on the
4 torture and other inhumane treatment of detainees by U.S. officials, and noted that
5 prisoners at Bagram Air Base were forced to stand naked, hooded, shackled, and
6 immobile for long periods of time and were deprived of sleep for days on end.

7 38. These same reports also disclosed that numerous detainees had died in
8 custody. For example, the New York Times reported in 2003 that two criminal
9 investigations had been launched into the deaths of detainees in Afghanistan. In one of
10 these cases, the death of an Afghan man in U.S. custody, the Times noted that a U.S.
11 pathologist had ruled the death to be a homicide. Following the release of the Abu
12 Ghraib prison abuse photographs in the spring of 2004, news outlets in the United States
13 and around the world continued to report on the torture and other mistreatment of
14 detainees in U.S. custody in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

15 39. In March 2004, Human Rights Watch released comprehensive findings on
16 the mistreatment of detainees in U.S. detention facilities in Afghanistan and Pakistan
17 between 2003 and 2004, the period during which Plaintiff Mohamed was rendered to
18 detention and interrogation by U.S. forces in Afghanistan. Specifically, Human Rights
19 Watch found that detainees were severely beaten, doused with cold water and subjected
20 to freezing temperatures, forced to stay awake, or to stand or kneel in painful positions
21 for extended periods. Since this time, the widespread torture and abuse of detainees in
22 U.S. custody overseas has been widely reported in media outlets around the world and
23 documented in official U.S. government reports and other publicly available documents,
24 as well as in reports by U.N. Human Rights bodies and international non-governmental
25 organizations.

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27 **Corporate Involvement in the Extraordinary Rendition Program**

1 40. U.S.-based corporations and their agents have played an integral role in the
2 implementation of the extraordinary rendition program. Some of these corporations have
3 furnished aircraft and personnel to transport persons identified by the United States as
4 potential terrorist threats to detention and interrogation facilities overseas. Other
5 corporations, including Jeppesen, have provided flight and logistical support services to
6 these aircraft and crew.

7 41. The services provided by Jeppesen have been crucial to the functioning of
8 the extraordinary rendition program. Jeppesen operates one of the largest aviation trip-
9 planning services in the world, and, on information and belief, Jeppesen has been one of
10 the main providers of flight and logistical support services to aircraft used in the
11 program. On information and belief, Jeppesen had two employees who were
12 “specifically designated” to provide services for the program.

13 42. Jeppesen has provided a number of services essential to all stages of
14 planning and execution of rendition flights:

- 15 a. In preparation for these flights, it furnished aircraft crew with
16 comprehensive flight planning services, including itinerary, route,
17 weather, and fuel planning. It has assumed responsibility for the
18 preparation of flight plans for rendition flights and, where necessary, filed
19 them in advance of departure with appropriate national and inter-
20 governmental air traffic control authorities, smoothing the way for the
21 renditions. It has established cooperative relationships with virtually
22 every government worldwide, allowing it to procure necessary overflight
23 and landing permits for aircraft involved in the rendition program;
- 24 b. During flights, Jeppesen has provided en-route, destination, and
25 departure weather forecasting to ensure the safe passage of aircraft; and,
- 26 c. Once aircraft have landed, Jeppesen, through its worldwide network of
27 local handling agents, has facilitated essential customs clearance in the
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1 countries of operation and made arrangements for ground transportation,
2 catering, and hotel accommodation for aircraft crew, as well as physical
3 security for the aircraft and crew. Jeppesen also has arranged fuel and
4 refueling services as well as maintenance for the aircraft involved.

5 In short, but for the assistance of Jeppesen and other corporations, the extraordinary
6 rendition program could not have gotten off the ground.

7 43. Just as important as the provision of these services, Jeppesen's role as
8 coordinator with virtually all public and private third parties has permitted the CIA to
9 conduct its illegal activities below the radar of public scrutiny and beyond the reach of
10 the rule of law. For example, on information and belief, through its interaction with
11 government officials for procurement of overflight and landing permits for the aircraft,
12 Jeppesen enabled the CIA to sidestep its obligations under the Convention on
13 International Civil Aviation, which requires any aircraft conducting State business to
14 request relevant authorizations from host nations.

15 44. Flight records obtained by a European Parliamentary inquiry and a parallel
16 investigation by the Council of Europe into CIA activities in Europe, together with other
17 flight records obtained from national civil aviation authorities in Portugal, Spain, the
18 Netherlands, and Italy in the course of criminal and journalistic investigations in those
19 countries, reveal that over a four-year period, beginning on or around December 16,
20 2001, Jeppesen provided flight and logistical support to at least 15 aircraft which made a
21 total of 70 flights. The European Parliament and the Council of Europe concluded that
22 all of these flights were made in the context of the extraordinary rendition program.

23 45. Among the 15 aircraft serviced by Jeppesen are a Gulfstream V aircraft
24 formerly registered with the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") as N379P, and a
25 Boeing-737 aircraft formerly registered with the FAA as N313P. On information and
26 belief, Jeppesen provided flight and logistical services for all of the CIA flights for these
27 two aircraft involving the rendition of terror suspects.

1 **Specific Allegations By Plaintiffs**

2 **Background Information on Plaintiff Binyam Mohamed**

3 49. Plaintiff Binyam Mohamed is a 28 year-old Ethiopian citizen. In 1994, Mr.
4 Mohamed, who had fled Ethiopia with his family, came to the United Kingdom where he
5 sought political asylum. While his asylum application was pending, he was granted
6 leave to remain in the country and remained there for seven years.

7 50. In the summer of 2001, Mr. Mohamed traveled to Afghanistan to escape
8 from a social life in London where he had suffered a drug problem. When the U.S.-led
9 coalition invaded Afghanistan, he left that country for Pakistan, planning to return to the
10 United Kingdom.

11 **Detention, Interrogation and Torture in Pakistan**

12 51. On April 10, 2002, Mr. Mohamed, while attempting to leave Pakistan and
13 return to the United Kingdom, was arrested by Pakistani officials at Karachi airport on
14 immigration charges. He was taken by Pakistani officials to a detention facility where he
15 was interrogated by agents of the FBI and British intelligence. His numerous requests to
16 speak to a lawyer were denied, and while detained and interrogated he was badly abused
17 by Pakistani security personnel.

18 52. During his detention, Mr. Mohamed was repeatedly interrogated about Al
19 Qaeda and his association with that organization. He was accused of being a high-
20 ranking member of Al Qaeda, although an agent for the FBI would later admit in a sworn
21 affidavit, that he was not a member at all.

22 53. On July 19, 2002, escorted by two Pakistani officials, Mr. Mohamed was
23 flown from Karachi to Islamabad. When the aircraft landed, he was handcuffed and
24 taken by bus to a pick-up truck, and then placed in a cell where he was detained until
25 July 21, 2002.

26 **Efforts made by Mr. Mohamed's Family to Locate Him**

1 60. Flight records show that on July 21, 2002, a Gulfstream V aircraft,
2 registered with the FAA as N379P, left Islamabad at 5:35 p.m. and arrived in Rabat,
3 Morocco at 3:42 a.m. the following day. Upon information and belief, Jeppesen
4 provided the flight and logistical support necessary to secure the aircraft's safe passage
5 from Islamabad to Rabat.

6 **Detention, Interrogation, and Torture in Morocco**

7 61. Between July 2002 and January 2004, Mr. Mohamed was detained,
8 interrogated, and tortured at a series of detention facilities in Morocco.

9 62. Mr. Mohamed was subjected to severe physical and psychological torture.
10 He was routinely beaten, suffering broken bones and, on occasion, loss of consciousness
11 due to the beatings. His clothes were cut off with a scalpel and the same scalpel was
12 then used to make incisions on his body, including his penis. A hot stinging liquid was
13 then poured into open wounds on his penis where he had been cut. He was frequently
14 threatened with rape, electrocution, and death.

15 63. Mr. Mohamed was handcuffed, fitted with earphones, and forced to listen to
16 extremely loud music day and night, sometimes interrupting his sleep for forty-eight
17 hours at a time. He was placed in a damp, moldy room with open sewage for a month at
18 a time. He believed his food to be drugged, but when he refused to eat he was forcibly
19 hooked up to two different IVs. These IVs alternated pumping different substances into
20 his body, the combination of which forced him to undergo painful withdrawal symptoms.
21 In the end, Mr. Mohamed decided to return to eating solid food.

22 64. Under constant threat of torture, Mr. Mohamed continued to be interrogated
23 about Al Qaeda and suspected Al Qaeda members. He was told that the U.S. wanted a
24 story from him and that he had to prepare to testify against individuals then in U.S.
25 custody, including Jose Padilla, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, Abu Zubaydah, and Ibn
26 Shiekh Al Libi. He was told to repeat, that he was a top Al Qaeda operative, that he had

1 met with Osama Bin Laden and twenty-five other Al Qaeda leaders on multiple
2 occasions, and that he had told Bin Laden about places that should be attacked.

3 **Rendition to Afghanistan**

4 65. On January 21, 2004 — approximately eighteen months after he was
5 unlawfully rendered to Morocco — Mr. Mohamed was again handcuffed, blindfolded,
6 placed in a van, and driven for approximately thirty minutes. He was then placed in a
7 room with two other prisoners.

8 66. After two hours Mr. Mohamed heard an aircraft and American-accented
9 English. His blindfold was removed. Five U.S. agents dressed in black and grey,
10 wearing masks and work boots, entered the room. Once again, Mr. Mohamed's clothing
11 was cut off and he was photographed. This time, due to the extent of his injuries, the
12 picture taking process required approximately thirty minutes to complete. Later, in
13 Afghanistan, additional photographs were taken and Mr. Mohamed was informed that
14 the pictures were necessary "to show Washington" that his wounds were healing.

15 67. Flight records show that on January 22, 2004, a Boeing-737 aircraft,
16 registered with the FAA as N313P, left Rabat, Morocco at 2:05 a.m. and arrived in
17 Kabul, Afghanistan at 9:58 a.m. that same day. The Council of Europe concluded, based
18 on these documents and other corroborating evidence, that this same aircraft was used by
19 the CIA in the transportation and rendition of German citizen Khaled El-Masri from
20 Skopje, Macedonia to Kabul, Afghanistan only two days later. And, on information and
21 belief, Jeppesen provided flight and logistical support services for this itinerary.

22 68. After the aircraft landed in Kabul, Mr. Mohamed was removed from the
23 aircraft, put in a truck, and driven along a dirt track until he reached the U.S.-run prison,
24 commonly known as the "Dark Prison."

25 **Detention, Interrogation, and Torture in Kabul, Afghanistan**

26 69. Upon his arrival at the "Dark Prison," Mr. Mohamed's captors repeatedly hit
27 his head against the wall until he began to bleed. He was then thrown into a tiny cell

1 measuring barely more than two meters in either direction. He was chained to the floor,
2 leaving him little room to maneuver. Despite the extreme cold, he was given only shorts
3 and a thin shirt to wear and a single blanket as thin as a sheet for warmth.

4 70. At first, Mr. Mohamed was kept in near-permanent darkness. His cell was
5 pitch black for twenty-three hours a day. There was a bucket in the corner for his toilet,
6 but it was difficult to use in the dark without spilling the contents all over his only
7 blanket. During the four months he was held in Kabul, the periods of darkness were
8 gradually reduced to twelve hours a day.

9 71. On his first day in the "Dark Prison," Mr. Mohamed was hung from a pole
10 in his cell. On his second day, he was allowed only a few hours sleep and then hung up
11 again. By the time he was next taken down — two days after that — his legs were
12 swollen and his wrists and hands had gone numb. Over the following weeks, loud
13 music, the sounds of "ghost laughter," thunder, aircraft taking off, the screams of women
14 and children, and other frightening and irritating sounds were piped into his cell twenty-
15 four hours a day. To ensure that sleep was difficult, if not impossible, masked guards
16 would visit the cells throughout the night and make loud noises.

17 72. For the duration of his detention in Afghanistan, Mr. Mohamed was fed raw
18 rice, beans, and bread, sparingly and irregularly. He was weighed every other day and in
19 four months he lost between forty and sixty pounds. Initially, Mr. Mohamed was not
20 permitted to shower, and when he eventually was, it was only rarely. He was seldom
21 given adequate clothing.

22 73. From the outset, Mr. Mohamed was subjected to intense interrogation at all
23 times of the day and night. His interrogations took place on almost a daily basis until he
24 left the facility. As part of the interrogation process he was shown pictures of Afghanis
25 and Pakistanis and was interrogated about the story behind each picture. Although Mr.
26 Mohamed knew none of the persons pictured, he would invent stories about them so as
27 to avoid further torture.

1 74. At one point, a group of American agents dressed from head to toe in black
2 came to him with a story. He was told that "Washington" wanted him to recount how he
3 had stolen parts for what they called a "dirty bomb" and how he had built it with Jose
4 Padilla in New York. Mr. Mohamed did not know what a "dirty bomb" was and could
5 not understand what they were talking about. He tried to repeat the story as he had been
6 instructed. One time, when he got the details wrong he was chained in a seated position
7 in his cell with his arms suspended over his head for several days.

8 75. In May 2004, Mr. Mohamed was allowed outside for five minutes. It was
9 the first time he had seen the sun in two years.

10 **Transfer to Bagram Air Base and to Guantánamo**

11 76. In late May 2004, Mr. Mohamed was blindfolded and forced to wear
12 earphones. He was tied together with a group of prisoners and they were thrown into
13 what he sensed was a helicopter. After a twenty to thirty minute flight he landed at what
14 he eventually learned was Bagram Air Base.

15 77. Processing at Bagram lasted for many hours and was not completed until the
16 early hours of the morning. During this time Mr. Mohamed remained tied, blindfolded,
17 and wearing earphones, and was not allowed to pray or use the bathroom. He was not
18 given a blanket or mat for two days, after which he was given just a blanket.

19 78. At Bagram, Mr. Mohamed was told that he was going to be transferred to
20 Guantánamo and would be tried immediately upon his arrival. He was forced to write a
21 twenty-page statement that detailed his relationship with Jose Padilla, how they went to
22 Afghanistan together, and how they planned to go to the United States to detonate a dirty
23 bomb.

24 79. Sometime in late May or June 2004, Mr. Mohamed met with a
25 representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

26 80. Mr. Mohamed was held at Bagram until he was transferred in September
27 2004 to Guantánamo, where he was charged under the President's Military Order with
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1 conspiracy. These charges were subsequently dropped after the military commission
2 system was declared unlawful by the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Mohamed remains
3 incarcerated at Guantánamo.

4 81. In early 2005, the ICRC notified Mr. Mohamed's siblings that he was
5 detained at Guantánamo.

6 **Background Information on Plaintiff Abou Elkassim Britel**

7 82. Plaintiff Abou Elkassim Britel is a 40 year-old Italian citizen of Moroccan
8 descent. Mr. Britel immigrated to Italy from Morocco in 1989 and in October 1995
9 married an Italian woman, Anna Lucia Pighizzini. In 1999, Mr. Britel was naturalized.

10 83. After immigrating to Italy, Mr. Britel initially worked at a poultry shop
11 before qualifying as an electrician in January 1996.

12 84. In 2000, Mr. Britel and his wife began translating Islamic books and texts
13 from Arabic to Italian. They set up a webpage "Islamiqra," on which they published
14 these translations as well as topical commentaries aimed at supporting the understanding
15 and spread of Islam.

16 85. On June 17, 2001, Mr. Britel traveled on a visa from his home in Bergamo,
17 Italy to Iran in order to seek financing to support his and his wife's translation work and
18 to conduct further research on Islamic issues. From there, Mr. Britel traveled to
19 Pakistan, for the same professional reasons.

20 **Detention, Interrogation, and Torture in Pakistan**

21 86. On March 10, 2002, Mr. Britel was apprehended by agents of the Pakistani
22 police on immigration charges and detained and interrogated by them at a facility in
23 Lahore, Pakistan, known as "Garden Town." Following his initial apprehension and
24 continuously thereafter, Mr. Britel asserted his Italian citizenship and requested that he
25 be afforded legal representation and assistance from the Italian Embassy. These requests
26 were denied.

1 87. Throughout his detention and interrogation in Pakistan, Mr. Britel was
2 physically and psychologically tortured. His interrogators beat him severely, sometimes
3 with a cricket bat, and accused him of being a “terrorist fighter.” Mr. Britel’s hands and
4 feet were bound and he was hung from the walls or ceiling of his cell for extensive
5 periods of time. He was denied access to a toilet. His interrogators threatened to rape
6 the women in his family and frequently told him that he would be subjected to worse
7 torture and even death.

8 88. In April, 2002, following fainting spells brought on by continued beatings
9 and extreme sleep deprivation, Mr. Britel eventually succumbed and confessed to what
10 his interrogators had been insisting from the outset, that he was a terrorist. Soon
11 thereafter, Mr. Britel was brought before U.S. officials who fingerprinted and
12 photographed him. They told him his Pakistani interrogators would kill him if he did not
13 cooperate.

14 89. On May 5, Mr. Britel was brought from the detention facility in Lahore to
15 the headquarters of Pakistani intelligence services in Islamabad. On four separate
16 occasions he was blindfolded and taken from this facility to a house where he was
17 interrogated by agents of U.S. intelligence services. During these interrogations, which
18 focused on Mr. Britel’s alleged association with Osama Bin Laden, his repeated requests
19 to contact the Italian Embassy were again denied.

20 90. At his final interrogation session, Mr. Britel was introduced to a U.S. official
21 by the name of “David Morgan.” Mr. Morgan told Mr. Britel that he had been tasked
22 with writing a profile on him for “Washington.” Mr. Morgan asked him a number of
23 questions about his life, filling out a form with the answers. Mr. Britel reiterated his
24 request for a meeting with the Italian embassy but once more his request was denied.
25 Instead, Mr. Morgan told him he could meet with the Moroccan ambassador. This
26 meeting never occurred.

1 91. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Britel was told by one of his captors that he would
2 soon be released and allowed to return to Italy.

3 **Rendition to Morocco**

4 92. On the night of May 24, 2002, Mr. Britel was handcuffed, blindfolded, and
5 taken by car to an airport somewhere on the outskirts of the city. After approximately
6 one half hour, someone grabbed him from behind and held him so tightly around the
7 neck that he thought he would suffocate. Mr. Britel was escorted to what he later
8 discovered to be a bathroom where his clothes were cut off with a box cutter. At one
9 point his blindfold was removed and he saw four or five men dressed in black from head
10 to toe, with only their eyes showing. These men examined and photographed Mr. Britel
11 and then dressed him in a diaper and a torn t-shirt. Mr. Britel was blindfolded again and
12 placed in a metallic slip which was chained to the shackles that bound his hands and feet.

13 93. Mr. Britel was dragged on to an aircraft and forced to lie down on his back.
14 Shortly thereafter, he heard another passenger being brought on board. Mr. Britel was
15 ordered not to move from his position on the floor of the aircraft; when he did move, he
16 was hit or kicked. During the flight his back began to hurt and he asked permission to
17 turn over, but he was refused. Tape was placed over his mouth instead. He was left like
18 this until the plane landed, when his handcuffs were removed and replaced with tight
19 plastic bands. He was denied permission to go to the bathroom for the entire duration of
20 the flight.

21 94. Flight records show that on May 23, 2002, a Gulfstream V aircraft,
22 registered with the FAA as N379P, departed from Washington D.C. at 12:45 a.m. and
23 arrived at Frankfurt, Germany at 7:39 a.m. before taking off at 10:08 a.m. that same
24 morning for Dubai, United Arab Emirates, arriving there at 4:10pm. At 9:05 a.m. on
25 May 24, the same aircraft departed from Islamabad at 9:05 p.m. and arrived in Rabat,
26 Morocco at 7:03 a.m. the following day. Less than an hour later, at 7:58 a.m., the aircraft
27 departed Rabat for Porto, Portugal, where it remained overnight before departing Porto at

1 8 a.m. the next morning for Washington D.C., arriving there on May 26, 2002 at 3:09
2 p.m. Upon information and belief, Jeppesen provided all the flight and logistical support
3 services necessary to secure the aircraft's safe passage from the United States to
4 Germany, from Germany to Dubai, Dubai to Pakistan, Pakistan to Morocco, and
5 Morocco via Portugal to the United States.

6 95. Following his arrival in Rabat, U.S. officials transferred Mr. Britel to the
7 custody of agents of the Moroccan intelligence services who took him to the notorious
8 Témara prison.

9 **Detention, Interrogation, and Torture in Morocco: May 2002 – February 2003**

10 96. At the Témara prison, Mr. Britel was cut off entirely from the world for
11 nearly eight and a half months. He was denied access to family, friends, counsel, and the
12 Italian consulate. Not once was he permitted outside the four walls of the prison. He
13 was held in total isolation in a tiny cell, deprived of both sleep and adequate food. He
14 was forced to undergo intensive interrogations about his private life and the people he
15 associated with in Italy and pressured to act as an informant.

16 97. While being interrogated, Mr. Britel was kept handcuffed and blindfolded
17 and then beaten severely on all parts of his body. He was threatened with worse torture,
18 including cutting of his genitals and a technique routinely used in Morocco called "bottle
19 torture," whereby a bottle is forced into the detainee's anus. Threats were also made by
20 his interrogators against his wife and sisters.

21 98. From the moment of his disappearance, Mr. Britel's family had no idea of
22 his whereabouts. On June 7, 2002 — after Mr. Britel had been unlawfully rendered to
23 Morocco — Mr. Britel's brother, based in Italy, received a phone call from a man
24 claiming that he had been detained with Mr. Britel in Islamabad. It was not until January
25 2003, when a Moroccan official visited Mr. Britel's mother and sister in Morocco, that
26 any member of his family was made aware of his whereabouts.

1 104. That same day, Mr. Britel left his home and took a bus towards the
2 Moroccan border town of Nador. Concerned about whether the documentation he had
3 would suffice to allow him to leave Morocco and enter Italy, Mr. Britel called his wife
4 and family multiple times over the course of his journey. The last time his family heard
5 from him was May 15, 2003.

6 105. On May 16, Casablanca was bombed in a suspected terrorist attack.
7 When Mr. Britel reached Melilla he was stopped at the border and detained for six hours
8 without any explanation. He was then handcuffed, forced into a car, and driven to the
9 Témara prison. On May 17, 2003, the day after the bombing in Casablanca, Mrs. Britel
10 received news that an Italian of Moroccan descent had been arrested in the town of
11 Melilla.

12 106. This time Mr. Britel was held incommunicado at Témara for four months.
13 He was held in inhumane conditions throughout this time and, eventually, under duress,
14 Mr. Britel signed a confession that he was never permitted to read.

15 107. On September 16, 2003, Mr. Britel was tried for terrorist activities in
16 Morocco. Mrs. Britel arrived in Morocco on September 28 and visited him at the Salé
17 prison, near Rabat, where he was now held. Mr. Britel was extremely thin and Mrs.
18 Britel could see that his wrists bore deep marks from his handcuffs.

19 108. On October 2, 2003, Mr. Britel was convicted and sentenced to fifteen
20 years for involvement in terrorist activities. As an observer from the Italian embassy
21 who attended the trial noted, the procedures followed failed to comport with universally
22 accepted fair trial standards. In particular, the observer noted that in convicting Mr.
23 Britel, the court relied upon the confessions he made while he was interrogated under
24 torture at the Témara prison. On appeal, Mr. Britel's sentence was reduced to nine years
25 imprisonment.

26 109. Mr. Britel remains incarcerated at the Ain Bourja prison in Casablanca.
27 Eighty-seven members of the Italian Parliament have petitioned the President of
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1 Morocco to have Mr. Britel pardoned, released from prison, and immediately returned to
2 Italy. To date these efforts have been unsuccessful. Mr. Britel continues to be subjected
3 to harsh treatment and abuse inside the prison.

4 110. On September 29, 2006, following a six-year criminal investigation in
5 Italy into Mr. Britel's suspected involvement in terrorist activities, the examining judge
6 dismissed the prosecution case, finding a complete lack of any evidence linking Mr.
7 Britel with any criminal, let alone terrorist-related, activity.

8 **Background Information on Plaintiff Ahmed Agiza**

9 111. Plaintiff Ahmed Hussein Mustafa Kamil Agiza is a 45 year-old Egyptian
10 citizen who is a licensed pharmacist. Mr. Agiza married his wife, Hanan Attia, in 1986.
11 Together they have five children.

12 112. In 1982, Mr. Agiza was arrested, detained, and interrogated under torture
13 by Egyptian security police because they suspected that his cousin had been involved in
14 the assassination of President Anwar Sadat. Following his release, Mr. Agiza was
15 continually threatened and harassed by the security police.

16 113. In 1991, Mr. Agiza filed a damages action against the Egyptian
17 government for the torture he had suffered in 1982. His lawyers were harassed and
18 arrested for filing the suit. Fearing for his own safety and that of his family, Mr. Agiza
19 fled the country with his wife and children, first to Saudi Arabia and then to Pakistan,
20 where they remained for a short period. In an attempt to escape the Middle East and seek
21 asylum in Europe, Mr. Agiza and his family traveled to Syria, and when that plan failed
22 they moved to Iran. In Iran, Mr. Agiza was granted a scholarship to study pharmacy at
23 the University of Teheran.

24 114. In 1999, Mr. Agiza was tried and convicted *in absentia* before an
25 Egyptian military tribunal for alleged membership in "Al Jihad," a banned organization.
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1 In April 1999, he was convicted and sentenced to twenty-five years imprisonment with
2 hard labor and without the possibility of appeal.

3 115. Early in 2000, concerned that improving relations between Egypt and Iran
4 might result in his expulsion back to Egypt, Mr. Agiza decided to flee Iran with his
5 family and seek asylum in the United Kingdom. Because he could not get visas to travel
6 to the U.K., he purchased tickets to Canada. On September 23, 2000, during a transit
7 stop through Stockholm, Mr. Agiza and his family decided to seek asylum in Sweden
8 instead.

9 116. Mr. Agiza made a joint application for asylum on his own behalf and on
10 behalf of his family. The application was predicated on Mr. Agiza's fear of arbitrary
11 arrest, detention, and torture should he be returned to Egypt, and his desire to keep his
12 family unified.

13 117. The Swedish Migration Board considered Mr. Agiza's application for
14 asylum and permanent residence. In its assessment, the Board considered that Mr. Agiza
15 was at risk of torture or other ill-treatment should he be returned to Egypt and that he
16 was therefore in need of protection. However, because of Mr. Agiza's background, and
17 his *in absentia* conviction, the Board referred the matter to the Swedish Security Police
18 for their assessment.

20 **From Asylum to Rendition**

21 118. In its assessment, the Security Police considered secret evidence that Mr.
22 Agiza was given no opportunity to rebut. At the conclusion of their review, the Security
23 Police recommended that Mr. Agiza, together with his family, be denied a permanent
24 residence permit for "security reasons."

25 119. Because of this assessment, the Migration Board, while of the view that
26 Mr. Agiza and his family were in need of protection, referred the matter to the Swedish
27 government for determination. Under the statute then in force, the government was

1 authorized to make a first and final decision whether to grant permanent residence to an
2 applicant if the Migration Board considered the case to be a "security case" regardless of
3 its assessment of the need for protection.

4 120. On December 18, 2001, the Swedish government determined that
5 although Mr. Agiza had demonstrated a well-founded fear of persecution if returned to
6 Egypt, he should be excluded from refugee status on national security grounds and
7 immediately expelled. The evidence upon which the government relied in reaching its
8 determination was not disclosed to Mr. Agiza or to his appointed attorney.

9 121. Earlier that same day, before the expulsion order was executed, an
10 unnamed Swedish police officer met with two U.S. Embassy officials at Bromma Airport
11 on the outskirts of Stockholm to discuss the removal of Mr. Agiza and his family from
12 Sweden to Egypt. At this time the parties knew that the Swedish government would
13 order Agiza's expulsion. During this meeting, on information and belief, the
14 arrangements for Mr. Agiza's expulsion were made. Specifically, it was agreed that
15 Swedish Security Police would be responsible for apprehending Mr. Agiza and turning
16 him over to agents of the United States who, in turn, would secretly transport him to
17 Egypt for detention and interrogation by the Egyptian intelligence service.

18 122. On information and belief, prior to the conclusion of this agreement, U.S.
19 officials had entered into an agreement with Egyptian government officials to detain and
20 interrogate Mr. Agiza in Egypt.

21 123. Later that same day, the Swedish foreign minister signed an order
22 expelling Mr. Agiza and his family to Egypt. On information and belief, this was the
23 first occasion upon which a decision to expel an asylum seeker was executed before its
24 terms were communicated to the individual's legal counsel, without affording them an
25 opportunity to challenge the order before international fora, such as the European Court
26 of Human Rights.
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1 124. On May 24, 2005, in the course of a Parliamentary Inquiry into the
2 expulsions, the political director at the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sven-Olof
3 Petersson, revealed that the decision to expel Mr. Agiza was based primarily on
4 intelligence information provided by U.S. officials to the Swedish Security Police and
5 political pressure exerted by the United States on the Swedish government to remove
6 him.

7 125. Shortly after the order was signed, without notifying his family, the
8 Swedish Security Police apprehended Mr. Agiza on the streets of his home town,
9 Karlstad.

10 126. Mr. Agiza was then driven from Karlstad to the Bromma airport, arriving
11 there at around 8.20 p.m.

12 127. Shortly before 8 p.m., a Gulfstream V aircraft, registered number N379P,
13 the same aircraft that transported Plaintiff Mohamed from Pakistan to Morocco, touched
14 down on the runway. An officer of the Swedish Security Police met the crew of the
15 aircraft. The crew was comprised of seven or eight men, all U.S. nationals, and two
16 Egyptian officials. Swedish Security officers accompanied these men to a small police
17 post.
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19 128. An officer then escorted Mr. Agiza to the same police post and handed
20 him over to the custody and control of the U.S. and Egyptian officials.

21 129. All of the men wore dark hoods and were dressed in civilian clothes. Mr.
22 Agiza was brought into a small room. There the men conducted a physical search,
23 forcibly sliced off his clothes, including his underwear, inserted suppositories into his
24 rectum, fitted him with a diaper, dressed him in overalls, blindfolded him, and placed a
25 hood over his head. One of the men photographed the whole process.

26 130. Thereafter, Mr. Agiza was handcuffed, shackled, dragged towards the
27 awaiting aircraft, and shoved inside. The entire process took place in complete silence
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1 and lasted no more than fifteen minutes. Once onboard, Mr. Agiza was chained and
2 shackled in an awkward and painful position on the floor of the aircraft for the duration
3 of the five-hour flight to Egypt.

4 131. Following the aircraft's arrival in Cairo, Mr. Agiza was handed over to
5 agents of the Egyptian intelligence services and driven to a secret detention facility on
6 the outskirts of Cairo.

7 **Detention, Interrogation, and Torture by Egyptian Intelligence Agents**

8 132. During the first five weeks of his incarceration, neither Swedish
9 government officials nor family members were permitted to meet with Mr. Agiza. No
10 member of his family knew exactly where in Egypt he was being held or anything about
11 the conditions of his detention. Throughout this time, Mr. Agiza was tortured physically
12 and psychologically.

13 133. From the outset, Mr. Agiza was held in solitary confinement in a squalid
14 cell measuring little more than two square meters, without windows, heat, or light. He
15 was kept shackled and blindfolded, interrogated repeatedly, and forced into signing false
16 confessions.

17 134. Mr. Agiza was beaten and verbally abused. He was interrogated under
18 torture about his alleged membership in or connection to terrorist organizations and the
19 whereabouts of senior figures in those organizations.

20 135. On January 23, 2002, some five weeks after the rendition, the Swedish
21 Ambassador to Egypt arranged a visit with Mr. Agiza. Before the visit, Mr. Agiza was
22 warned, under threat of torture, not to mention either the conditions under which he was
23 being held or the extent of the torture and ill-treatment to which he had been subjected.
24 The Ambassador was not permitted to meet with Mr. Agiza in private and consequently
25 Mr. Agiza was unable to speak candidly about his torture. Nevertheless, Mr. Agiza made
26 serious allegations of inhumane treatment, including torture. A confidential
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1 memorandum prepared by the Swedish embassy included his account of being brutalized
2 by the rendition team, blindfolded during interrogations in Egypt, placed in very small
3 cells, denied necessary medication, beaten by prison guards on the way to and from
4 interrogations, and threatened by interrogators with retaliation against family members if
5 a confession was not forthcoming.

6 136. On the same day, Mr. Agiza was permitted to meet with his mother.
7 Prison officials were present during this meeting also, and Mr. Agiza could not speak
8 freely. His mother noted, however, that he appeared pale, weak, and near breakdown.

9 137. Following these meetings, the torture increased in severity. On numerous
10 occasions Mr. Agiza was severely and repeatedly beaten and routinely subjected to
11 electric shock treatment. Mr. Agiza was stripped naked and strapped to a wet mattress.
12 Electrodes were then applied to his ear lobes, nipples, and genitals, so that an extremely
13 strong electric current could be introduced causing his body to rise and fall. A doctor
14 was present throughout to ensure he did not die from torture. When the sessions ended,
15 the same doctor would apply cream to his body where the electrodes had been so as to
16 prevent scarring and to minimize visible signs of the torture. Mr. Agiza was also made
17 to stand under a cold shower to prevent bruising.

18 138. After an initial visit, Swedish embassy officials met with Mr. Agiza
19 approximately every five weeks. During one of these meetings, Mr. Agiza described in
20 detail the torture he had endured, including the use of electric shocks. Eventually, Mr.
21 Agiza was permitted to meet with members of his family. During these visits he
22 revealed to them the nature and the extent of the torture to which he was being subjected.
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24 139. From October 2003, Mr. Agiza was transferred to various detention
25 facilities within the Tora prison complex and, finally, in January 2004, to the maximum
26 security facility, Abu Zabal.
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1 globe. Specifically in relation to the rendition of Mr. Mohamed, the Council found that
2 flight records examined by them conclusively proved that the renditions of Mr.
3 Mohamed and Khaled El-Masri were “carried out by the same CIA-operated aircraft,
4 within 48 hours of one another, in the course of the same 12-day tour in January 2004.”

5 143. On January 30, 2007, following a ten-month inquiry, the European
6 Parliament adopted a final report into the alleged use of European countries by the CIA
7 for the transportation and illegal detention of prisoners. In its report, the European
8 Parliament stated conclusively that between 2001 and 2005, flights involving aircraft
9 directly or indirectly operated by the CIA were used to carry out the “proven
10 ‘extraordinary renditions’” of Mr. Mohamed, Mr. Britel, Mr. Agiza, and others.
11 According to the report, the publicly available flight data proves “the existence of a
12 widespread, methodical practice of ‘extraordinary rendition,’ following precise rules and
13 carried out by certain U.S. secret services.”

14 144. At a national level, the Office of the Parliamentary Ombudsman of the
15 Swedish Government and the Swedish Parliament’s Standing Committee on the
16 Constitution have inquired into the Swedish government’s handling of Mr. Agiza’s
17 rendition and the Swedish Security Police’s involvement in the process and determined
18 that the circumstances surrounding the rendition violated relevant Swedish laws. The
19 Ombudsman’s report concluded that U.S. and Egyptian officials involved in the rendition
20 had violated Swedish criminal law by subjecting Mr. Agiza to “degrading and
21 humiliating treatment” and by exercising police powers on Swedish soil. And the
22 Standing Committee on the Constitution concluded that Swedish government actions
23 violated Swedish immigration laws prohibiting the transfer of anyone from Sweden to a
24 country where there is a substantial likelihood of his being subjected to torture.

25 145. In addition, two United Nations Human Rights bodies, the U.N.
26 Committee Against Torture and the U.N. Human Rights Committee, respectively, found
27 that the expulsion of Mr. Agiza and Mohammed El-Zery – another Egyptian citizen

1 rendered from Sweden to Egypt at the same time as Mr. Agiza – violated, *inter alia*,
2 Article 3 of the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading
3 Treatment or Punishment (prohibition against rendition to torture) and Article 7 of the
4 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (prohibition against torture).

5 Pursuant to these two findings, Mr. Agiza is seeking remedies for these proven violations
6 from the Swedish government. To date, however, his demands have not been met.

7 **Defendant Jeppesen’s Involvement in Plaintiffs’ Extraordinary Rendition**

8 146. Defendant Jeppesen played an integral role in the forced disappearances
9 and rendition of Mr. Mohamed, Mr. Britel, and Mr. Agiza to detention and interrogation
10 under torture in Morocco, Egypt, and Afghanistan.

11 147. On information and belief, Jeppesen entered into an agreement with
12 agents of the CIA and U.S.-based corporations that owned and operated the Gulfstream
13 V jet aircraft and the Boeing-737 business jet aircraft to provide flight and logistical
14 support to the aircraft and crew to transport Mr. Mohamed from Pakistan to detention in
15 Morocco and from Morocco to detention in Afghanistan; Mr. Britel from Pakistan to
16 detention in Morocco; and Mr. Agiza from Sweden to detention in Egypt.

17 148. Flight records from July 2002 confirm that the Gulfstream V jet aircraft
18 owned and operated by Premier Executive Transportation Services (“PETS”) and Aero
19 Contractors Limited (“ACL”) departed Islamabad, Pakistan on July 21, 2002 at 5:35 p.m.
20 and arrived in Rabat, Morocco, the next morning, July 22, 2002 at 3:42 a.m. before
21 departing Rabat an hour later, at 4:44 a.m., for Shannon, Ireland, arriving there at 7:21
22 a.m..

23 149. Flight records from January 2004 confirm that a Boeing 737 business jet
24 aircraft, then owned by PETS and operated by ACL and registered with the FAA as
25 N313P, departed Larnaca, Cyprus, at 6:39 p.m. on January 21, 2004, and arrived in
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1 Rabat, Morocco at 11:48 p.m. that night. The same aircraft departed Rabat the next day,
2 January 22, 2004, at 2:05 a.m. and arrived in Kabul, Afghanistan, at 9:58 a.m..

3 150. Documents, including telex instructions from Jeppesen to its local
4 Spanish agent, Mallocair, also confirm that Jeppesen was responsible for arranging
5 "ground handling" services for this aircraft in Spain. The Council of Europe
6 investigation further confirms that within a 48-hour period, this aircraft was involved in
7 the renditions of both Khaled El-Masri and Plaintiff Mohamed.

8 151. Flight records from May 2002 confirm that the Gulfstream V jet owned
9 and operated by PETS and ACL departed Islamabad, Pakistan on May 24, 2002, at 9:05
10 p.m. and arrived in Rabat, Morocco, the next morning, May, 25, 2002 at 7:05 a.m. before
11 departing Rabat less than an hour later at 7:58 a.m. for Porto, Portugal, arriving there at
12 9:19 a.m.

13 152. The originator code on these flight records show that Jeppesen was
14 responsible for filing pre-departure flight plans with appropriate national and inter-
15 governmental air traffic control authorities for this itinerary.

16 153. Flight records from December 2001 confirm that a Gulfstream V jet
17 aircraft then owned by PETS and operated by ACL, then registered with the FAA as
18 N379P, departed Johnson County Airport, North Carolina at 12:13 a.m. on December 18,
19 2001, landed briefly in Washington D.C., then proceeded to Cairo, Egypt, where it
20 arrived at 1:19 p.m.

21 154. Flight records for the same itinerary then confirm that the same aircraft
22 left Cairo for Bromma airport in Sweden at 2:43 p.m. and arrived there at 7:43 p.m. The
23 plane departed Bromma for Cairo at 8:48 p.m., arriving there at 1:30 a.m. on December
24 19, 2001. On December 20, 2001, the aircraft departed Cairo at 6:56 a.m., landed first at
25 Prestwick airport, Scotland, at 12:03 p.m., before finally touching down in Washington
26 at 7:18 p.m.

1 155. Swedish Civil Aviation Records and a related invoice confirm Jeppesen's
2 involvement in this extraordinary rendition, and, specifically, that Jeppesen was
3 responsible, through its local Swedish agent, Luftfartsverket, for arranging landing and
4 overflight permits for this aircraft, air terminal navigation fees, noise and emission
5 charges, security charges, and passenger fees for a total of nine crew members.

6 156. On information and belief, in advance of the departure of both aircraft,
7 Jeppesen was responsible for, *inter alia*, itinerary, route, and fuel planning for the flights
8 from (i) Washington D.C. to Ireland; Ireland to Cyprus; Cyprus to Morocco; Morocco to
9 Kabul; Kabul to Algiers; and Algiers to Spain; (ii) Pakistan to Morocco; Morocco to
10 Portugal; (iii) Pakistan to Morocco; Morocco to Ireland; and (iv) the United States to
11 Egypt; Egypt to Sweden; Sweden to Egypt; Egypt to Scotland; and finally, Scotland to
12 the United States.

13 157. On information and belief, services provided by Jeppesen included pre-
14 filing flight plans with relevant national and inter-governmental traffic control
15 authorities, procuring all overflight and landing permits necessary for the itinerary, as
16 well as instructing local ground handling agents in countries including the United States,
17 Pakistan, Morocco, Cyprus, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, Egypt, Sweden, and Scotland and
18 to provide in-country assistance with re-fueling, aircraft maintenance, customs clearance,
19 servicing and re-fueling of aircraft, and aircraft and crew security.

20 158. In facilitating the transportation of Mr. Mohamed, Mr. Britel, and Mr.
21 Agiza to Morocco, Egypt and Afghanistan, Jeppesen knew or reasonably should have
22 known that they would be subject to forced disappearance, held in secret detention in
23 destination countries, interrogated, and subjected to torture and other forms of cruel,
24 inhuman, or degrading treatment there.

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1 CAUSES OF ACTION

2 First Claim For Relief

3 Alien Tort Statute: Forced Disappearance

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5 159. Pursuant to the extraordinary rendition program, Plaintiffs were subjected
6 to forced disappearance by agents of the United States, Morocco, and Egypt. Customary
7 international law prohibits the arrest, detention, abduction, or any other form of
8 deprivation of liberty by agents of the State or by persons or groups of persons acting
9 with the authorization, support, or acquiescence of the State, and the subsequent refusal
10 to acknowledge the deprivation of liberty or concealment of the fate or whereabouts of
11 the disappeared person. The entire extraordinary rendition program is premised on the
12 secret detention of suspects without any official acknowledgement of the location or fact
13 of their detention. The program has the effect of placing individuals beyond the reach of
14 legal protections, thereby rendering them particularly vulnerable to torture and other
15 illegal methods of detention and interrogation. The prohibition against forced
16 disappearance is a “specific, universal, and obligatory” norm of customary international
17 law cognizable under the Alien Tort Statute.

18 160. Jeppesen is directly liable for Plaintiffs’ forced disappearance. The very
19 nature and purpose of the extraordinary rendition program – to forcibly abduct
20 individuals in secret and to place them beyond the rule of law – constitutes forced
21 disappearance. Here, Jeppesen actively participated in numerous aspects of the logistical
22 planning and implementation of the extraordinary renditions of Plaintiffs, with actual or
23 constructive knowledge that its involvement would result in the secret apprehension and
24 detention of Plaintiffs.

25 161. In the alternative, Jeppesen is liable for the violation of Plaintiffs’ rights
26 because it conspired with agents of the United States in Plaintiffs’ forced disappearance.
27 Jeppesen entered into an agreement with agents of the United States to unlawfully render

1 Plaintiffs to secret detention in Morocco, Egypt, and Afghanistan. Defendant
2 participated in or committed a wrongful act in furtherance of said conspiracy, which
3 resulted in injury to Plaintiffs.

4 162. Further, or in the alternative, Jeppesen is liable for the forced
5 disappearance of Plaintiffs because it aided and abetted agents of the United States,
6 Morocco, and Egypt in subjecting Plaintiffs to such treatment. Specifically, Jeppesen
7 knew or reasonably should have known that the flight and logistical support that it
8 provided to the aircraft and crew would be used to transport Plaintiffs to secret detention
9 and interrogation in Morocco, Egypt, and Afghanistan. In addition, Jeppesen, through its
10 provision of flight and logistical services to aircraft and crew, provided substantial
11 practical assistance to U.S., Moroccan, and Egyptian government officials in subjecting
12 Plaintiffs to forced disappearance.

13 163. Further, or in the alternative, Jeppesen is liable for the violation of
14 Plaintiffs' rights because it demonstrated a reckless disregard as to whether Plaintiffs
15 would be subjected to forced disappearance through its participation in the extraordinary
16 rendition program and specifically its provision of flight and logistical support services
17 to aircraft and crew that it knew or reasonably should have known would be used to
18 transport them to secret detention and interrogation in Morocco, Egypt, and Afghanistan.

19 164. Defendant's acts and omissions described herein caused Plaintiffs to
20 suffer damages, including mental and emotional pain and suffering, in an amount to be
21 determined at trial.

22 165. Defendant's acts or omissions were deliberate, willful, intentional,
23 wanton, malicious, and oppressive, and should be punished by an award of punitive
24 damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

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1 **Second Claim For Relief**

2 **Alien Tort Statute: Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment**

3 166. Plaintiffs were subjected to torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading
4 treatment by agents of the United States, Morocco, and Egypt. Customary international
5 law prohibits any act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is
6 intentionally inflicted on a person for such purposes as obtaining from him or a third
7 person information or a confession, punishing him for an act he or a third person has
8 committed or is suspected of having committed, or intimidating or coercing him or a
9 third person, or for any reason based on discrimination of any kind, when such pain or
10 suffering is inflicted by or at the instigation of or with the consent or acquiescence of a
11 public official or other person acting in an official capacity. This norm incorporates,
12 *inter alia*, the prohibition against removing any person, regardless of status, to a country
13 where there is a substantial likelihood that he will be tortured. The prohibition against
14 torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment is a “specific, universal, and
15 obligatory” norm of customary international law cognizable under the Alien Tort Statute.

16 167. Plaintiffs were subjected to torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading
17 treatment during their transportation to Morocco, Egypt, and Afghanistan; as a
18 consequence of their rendition to these countries; and while detained and interrogated
19 there.

20 168. Jeppesen is liable for the violation of Plaintiffs’ rights because it
21 conspired with agents of the United States in Plaintiffs’ torture and other cruel, inhuman,
22 or degrading treatment, including their rendition to Morocco, Egypt, and Afghanistan,
23 when it knew or reasonably should have known that there was a substantial likelihood
24 that they would be subjected to torture and other forms of cruel, inhuman, or degrading
25 treatment there. Defendant entered into an agreement with agents of the United States to
26 provide flight and logistical support services to aircraft and crew used in the
27 extraordinary rendition program to unlawfully render Plaintiffs to detention and
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1 interrogation in Morocco, Egypt, and Afghanistan, where they would be subjected to acts
2 of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment. Through its provision of
3 these services, Defendant participated in or committed a wrongful act in furtherance of
4 said conspiracy, which resulted in injury to Plaintiffs.

5 169. In the alternative, Jeppesen is liable for the torture and other cruel,
6 inhuman, or degrading treatment of Plaintiffs because it aided and abetted agents of the
7 United States, Morocco, and Egypt in subjecting Plaintiffs to such treatment.
8 Specifically, Jeppesen knew or reasonably should have known that the aircraft and crew
9 for which it provided flight and logistical support services would be used in the
10 extraordinary rendition program to transport Plaintiffs to detention and interrogation in
11 Morocco, Egypt, and Afghanistan, where they would be subjected to acts of torture and
12 other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment. In addition, Jeppesen, through its provision
13 of flight and logistical services to aircraft and crew, provided substantial practical
14 assistance to U.S., Moroccan, and Egyptian government officials in subjecting Plaintiffs
15 to torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment in Morocco, Egypt, and
16 Afghanistan.

17 170. Further, or in the alternative, Jeppesen is liable for the violation of
18 Plaintiffs' rights because it demonstrated a reckless disregard as to whether Plaintiffs
19 would be subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment by
20 providing flight and logistical support to aircraft and crew it knew or reasonably should
21 have known would be used in the extraordinary rendition program to transport them to
22 detention and interrogation in Egypt, Morocco, and Afghanistan, where they would be
23 subjected to torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment.

24 171. Defendant's acts and omissions described herein caused Plaintiffs to
25 suffer damages, including mental and emotional pain and suffering, in an amount to be
26 determined at trial.

1 172. Defendant's acts or omissions were deliberate, willful, intentional,
2 wanton, malicious, and oppressive, and should be punished by an award of punitive
3 damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

4 **REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

5 Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court grant the following relief:

- 6 A. for compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial, but in an
7 amount over \$75,000;
8 B. for punitive and exemplary damages in an amount to be proven at trial;
9 C. for reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit; and
10 D. for such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.
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12 **JURY TRIAL DEMAND**

13 Plaintiffs demand a jury trial on all issues so triable.
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