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MILITARY COMMISSIONS TRIAL JUDICIARY
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA v. ABD AL HADI AL-IRAQI	AE 053B ORDER RELEASE AND DETAIL OF MILITARY COUNSEL 22 September 2015
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1. During the hearing in this case on 22 September 2015, the Accused requested the release of his current detailed military defense counsel, Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Jasper and Major Robert Stirk. (See AE 053A, Counsel Election Notification). The Chief Defense Counsel, Brigadier General John Baker, approved his request. (See AE 053A, Notice of Excusal of Defense Counsel). The Military Judge thereafter approved the release of LtCol Jasper and Maj Stirk on the record. (See Military Commissions Trial Judiciary Rule of Court 4.4(b) (May 2014)). With the excusal of LtCol Jasper and Maj Stirk, the Chief Defense Counsel must detail new military defense counsel to represent the Accused.

2. The Commission desires to be kept abreast of the progress of the Chief Defense Counsel in detailing new military defense counsel and in this new Detailed Military Defense Counsel's formation of an attorney-client relationship with the Accused. The Commission desires this information in order to manage its docket, adjust the trial schedule, and move this case toward trial in an orderly and expeditious manner.

3. Defense Counsel will inform the Commission, in a notice pleading, with the occurrence of each of the following events:

a. When the military defense counsel to be detailed to represent the Accused is granted the necessary security clearances with appropriate additional authorizations to fully represent the Accused;

b. The detailing of replacement Detailed Military Defense Counsel;
c. The scheduling of a meeting between the Accused and Detailed Military Defense Counsel;
and,

d. The formation of an attorney-client relationship between the Accused and Detailed Military Defense Counsel.

4. New Detailed Military Defense Counsel will thereafter inform the Commission when he reasonably expects to be prepared to argue the motions listed in AE 051 and to represent the Accused during the *in personam* jurisdiction hearing originally ordered in AE 020B.

So **ORDERED** this 22nd day of September, 2015.

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J. K. WAITS
CAPT, JAGC, USN
Military Judge