

**MILITARY COMMISSIONS TRIAL JUDICIARY
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA**

<p>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</p> <p>v.</p> <p>ABD AL HADI AL-IRAQI</p>	<p>AE 198L</p> <p>CANCELLATION ORDER</p> <p>21 December 2021</p>
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1. On 16 November 2021, this Commission issued AE 198,¹ a docketing order, scheduling a hearing to take place at U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on 4-7 January 2022. That docketing order was then amended in AE 198A.²

2. On 16 December 2021, I learned the Marine Corps assigned me to participate in a Top Level School / Senior Service School fellowship in the summer of 2022 for academic year 2022-2023. The fellowship is with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This reassignment will remove me from the trial bench as it is a permanent change of station move. Upon finding out about that assignment I immediately instructed my staff to stop bringing me matters for decision while I considered my sua sponte duty to recuse myself. The Defense subsequently filed a motion on 20 December 2021 to have me consider recusal as well.

3. Given the above state of affairs and the potential for me to recuse myself from the case for reasons outlined in a pending ruling, the hearing in this case scheduled to take place 4-7 January 2022 at U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is **CANCELLED**.

So **ORDERED** this 21st day of December, 2021.

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M. D. ZIMMERMAN
LtCol, USMC
Military Judge

¹ AE 198, DOCKETING ORDER, dated 16 November 2021.

² AE 198A, AMENDED DOCKETING ORDER, dated 30 November 2021.