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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

\_\_\_\_\_ from the Committee on Armed Services, reported  
the following original bill; which was read twice and placed on the calendar

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**A BILL**

To authorize trial by military commission for violations of  
the law of war, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Military Commissions  
5 Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1           (1) The Constitution of the United States  
2 grants to Congress the power “To define and pun-  
3 ish... Offenses against the Law of Nations”, as well  
4 as the power “To declare War...To raise and support  
5 Armies...[and] To provide and maintain a Navy”.

6           (2) The military commission is the traditional  
7 tribunal for the trial of persons engaged in hostilities  
8 for violations of the law of war.

9           (3) Congress has, in the past, both authorized  
10 the use of military commission by statute and recog-  
11 nized the existence and authority of military com-  
12 missions.

13           (4) Military commissions have been convened  
14 both by the President and by military commanders  
15 in the field to try offenses against the law of war.

16           (5) It is in the national interest for Congress to  
17 exercise its authority under the Constitution to enact  
18 legislation authorizing and regulating the use of  
19 military commissions to try and punish violations of  
20 the law of war.

21           (6) Military commissions established and oper-  
22 ating under chapter 47A of title 10, United States  
23 Code (as enacted by this Act), are regularly con-  
24 stituted courts affording, in the words of Common  
25 Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions, “all the judicial

1       guarantees which are recognized as indispensable by  
2       civilized peoples”.

3       **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR MILITARY COMMISSIONS.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—The President is authorized to es-  
5       tablish military commissions for the trial of alien unlawful  
6       enemy combatants engaged in hostilities against the  
7       United States for violations of the law of war and other  
8       offenses specifically made triable by military commission  
9       as provided in chapter 47 of title 10, United States Code,  
10      and chapter 47A of title 10, United States Code (as en-  
11      acted by this Act).

12      (b) CONSTRUCTION.—The authority in subsection (a)  
13      may not be construed to alter or limit the authority of  
14      the President under the Constitution and laws of the  
15      United States to establish military commissions for areas  
16      declared to be under martial law or in occupied territories  
17      should circumstances so require.

18      (c) SCOPE OF PUNISHMENT AUTHORITY.—A military  
19      commission established pursuant to subsection (a) shall  
20      have authority to impose upon any person found guilty  
21      under a proceeding under chapter 47A of title 10, United  
22      States Code (as so enacted), a sentence that is appropriate  
23      for the offense or offenses for which there is a finding  
24      of guilt, including a sentence of death if authorized under  
25      such chapter, imprisonment for life or a term of years,

1 payment of a fine or restitution, or such other lawful pun-  
2 ishment or condition of punishment as the military com-  
3 mission shall direct.

4 (d) EXECUTION OF PUNISHMENT.—The Secretary of  
5 Defense is authorized to carry out a sentence of punish-  
6 ment imposed by a military commission established pursu-  
7 ant to subsection (a) in accordance with such procedures  
8 as the Secretary may prescribe.

9 (e) ANNUAL REPORT ON TRIALS BY MILITARY COM-  
10 MISSIONS.—

11 (1) ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later  
12 than December 31 each year, the Secretary of De-  
13 fense shall submit to the Committees on Armed  
14 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-  
15 tives a report on any trials conducted by military  
16 commissions established pursuant to subsection (a)  
17 during such year.

18 (2) FORM.—Each report under this subsection  
19 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-  
20 clude a classified annex.

21 **SEC. 4. MILITARY COMMISSIONS.**

22 (a) MILITARY COMMISSIONS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title 10,  
24 United States Code, is amended by inserting after  
25 chapter 47 the following new chapter:

1 **“CHAPTER 47A—MILITARY COMMISSIONS**

“SUBCHAPTER ..... Sec.  
 “I. General Provisions ..... 948a.  
 “II. Composition of Military Commissions ..... 948h.  
 “III. Pre-Trial Procedure ..... 948q.  
 “IV. Trial Procedure ..... 949a.  
 “V. Sentences ..... 949s.  
 “VI. Post-Trial Procedure and Review of Military Commissions ..... 950a.  
 “VII. Punitive Matters ..... 950aa.

2 **“SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- “Sec.  
 “948a. Definitions.  
 “948b. Military commissions generally.  
 “948c. Persons subject to military commissions.  
 “948d. Jurisdiction of military commissions.

3 **“§ 948a. Definitions**

4 “In this chapter:

5 “(1) ALIEN.—The term ‘alien’ means an indi-  
 6 vidual who is not a citizen of the United States.

7 “(2) CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.—The term  
 8 ‘classified information’ means the following:

9 “(A) Any information or material that has  
 10 been determined by the United States Govern-  
 11 ment pursuant to statute, Executive order, or  
 12 regulation to require protection against unau-  
 13 thorized disclosure for reasons of national secu-  
 14 rity.

15 “(B) Any restricted data, as that term is  
 16 defined in section 11 y. of the Atomic Energy  
 17 Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2014(y)).

1           “(3) **LAWFUL ENEMY COMBATANT.**—The term  
2           ‘lawful enemy combatant’ means an individual who  
3           is—

4                   “(A) a member of the regular forces of a  
5           State party engaged in hostilities against the  
6           United States;

7                   “(B) a member of a militia, volunteer  
8           corps, or organized resistance movement belong-  
9           ing to a State party engaged in such hostilities,  
10          which are under responsible command, wear a  
11          fixed distinctive sign recognizable at a distance,  
12          carry their arms openly, and abide by the law  
13          of war; or

14                   “(C) a member of a regular armed force  
15          who professes allegiance to a government en-  
16          gaged in such hostilities, but not recognized by  
17          the United States.

18           “(4) **UNLAWFUL ENEMY COMBATANT.**—The  
19          term ‘unlawful enemy combatant’ means an indi-  
20          vidual engaged in hostilities against the United  
21          States who is not a lawful enemy combatant.

22   **“§ 948b. Military commissions generally**

23           “(a) **PURPOSE.**—This chapter establishes procedures  
24          governing the use of military commissions to try alien un-  
25          lawful enemy combatants engaged in hostilities against the

1 United States for violations of the law of war and other  
2 offenses triable by military commission.

3 “(b) CONSTRUCTION OF PROVISIONS.—The proce-  
4 dures for military commissions set forth in this chapter  
5 are based upon the procedures for trial by general courts-  
6 martial under chapter 47 of this title (the Uniform Code  
7 of Military Justice). Chapter 47 of this title does not, by  
8 its terms, apply to trial by military commission except as  
9 specifically provided therein or in this chapter, and many  
10 of the provisions of chapter 47 of this title are by their  
11 terms inapplicable to military commissions. The judicial  
12 construction and application of chapter 47 of this title,  
13 while instructive, is therefore not of its own force binding  
14 on military commissions established under this chapter.

15 “(c) INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.—  
16 (1) The following provisions of this title shall not apply  
17 to trial by military commission under this chapter:

18 “(A) Section 810 (article 10 of the Uniform  
19 Code of Military Justice), relating to speedy trial,  
20 including any rule of courts-martial relating to  
21 speedy trial.

22 “(B) Sections 831(a), (b), and (d) (articles  
23 31(a), (b), and (d) of the Uniform Code of Military  
24 Justice), relating to compulsory self-incrimination.

1           “(C) Section 832 (article 32 of the Uniform  
2           Code of Military Justice), relating to pretrial inves-  
3           tigation.

4           “(2) Other provisions of chapter 47 of this title shall  
5           apply to trial by military commission under this chapter  
6           only to the extent provided by the terms of such provisions  
7           or by this chapter.

8           “(d) TREATMENT OF RULINGS AND PRECEDENTS.—  
9           The findings, holdings, interpretations, and other prece-  
10          dents of military commissions under this chapter may not  
11          be introduced or considered in any hearing, trial, or other  
12          proceeding of a court-martial convened under chapter 47  
13          of this title. The findings, holdings, interpretations, and  
14          other precedents of military commissions under this chap-  
15          ter may not form the basis of any holding, decision, or  
16          other determination of a court-martial convened under  
17          that chapter.

18          **“§ 948c. Persons subject to military commissions**

19          “Any alien unlawful enemy combatant engaged in  
20          hostilities or having supported hostilities against the  
21          United States is subject to trial by military commission  
22          as set forth in this chapter.

23          **“§ 948d. Jurisdiction of military commissions**

24          “A military commission under this chapter shall have  
25          jurisdiction to try persons subject to this chapter for any



1 offense made punishable by this chapter, sections 904 and  
2 906 of this title (articles 104 and 106 of the Uniform Code  
3 of Military Justice), or the law of war, and may, under  
4 such limitations as the President may prescribe, adjudge  
5 any punishment not forbidden by this chapter, including  
6 the penalty of death when authorized under this chapter,  
7 chapter 47 of this title, or the law of war.

8 “SUBCHAPTER II—COMPOSITION OF MILITARY  
9 COMMISSIONS

“Sec.

“948h. Who may convene military commissions.

“948i. Who may serve on military commissions.

“948j. Military judge of a military commission.

“948k. Detail of trial counsel and defense counsel.

“948l. Detail or employment of reporters and interpreters.

“948m. Number of members; excuse of members; absent and additional members.

10 “§ 948h. Who may convene military commissions

11 “Military commissions under this chapter may be  
12 convened by the Secretary of Defense or by any officer  
13 or official of the United States designated by the Secretary  
14 for that purpose.

15 “§ 948i. Who may serve on military commissions

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Any commissioned officer of the  
17 armed forces on active duty is eligible to serve on a mili-  
18 tary commission under this chapter, including commis-  
19 sioned officers of the reserve components of the armed  
20 forces on active duty, commissioned officers of the Na-

1 tional Guard on active duty in Federal service, or retired  
2 commissioned officers recalled to active duty.

3 “(b) **DETAIL OF MEMBERS.**—When convening a mili-  
4 tary commission under this chapter, the convening author-  
5 ity shall detail as members thereof such members of the  
6 armed forces eligible under subsection (a) who, as in the  
7 opinion of the convening authority, are best qualified for  
8 the duty by reason of age, education, training, experience,  
9 length of service, and judicial temperament. No member  
10 of an armed force is eligible to serve as a member of a  
11 military commission when such member is the accuser or  
12 a witness for the prosecution or has acted as an investi-  
13 gator or counsel in the same case.

14 “(c) **EXCUSE OF MEMBERS.**—Before a military com-  
15 mission under this chapter is assembled for the trial of  
16 a case, the convening authority may excuse a member  
17 from participating in the case.

18 **“§ 948j. Military judge of a military commission**

19 “(a) **DETAIL OF MILITARY JUDGE.**—A military judge  
20 shall be detailed to each military commission under this  
21 chapter. The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regula-  
22 tions providing for the manner in which military judges  
23 are so detailed to military commissions. The military judge  
24 shall preside over each military commission to which he  
25 has been detailed.

1           “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—A military judge shall be a com-  
2 missioned officer of the armed forces who is a member  
3 of the bar of a Federal court, or a member of the bar  
4 of the highest court of a State, and who is certified to  
5 be qualified for duty under section 826 of this title (article  
6 26 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice) as a military  
7 judge in general courts-martial by the Judge Advocate  
8 General of the armed force of which such military judge  
9 is a member.

10           “(c) INELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.—No  
11 person is eligible to act as military judge in a case of a  
12 military commission under this chapter if he is the accuser  
13 or a witness or has acted as investigator or a counsel in  
14 the same case.

15           “(d) CONSULTATION WITH MEMBERS; INELIGI-  
16 BILITY TO VOTE.—A military judge detailed to a military  
17 commission under this chapter may not consult with the  
18 members except in the presence of the accused (except as  
19 otherwise provided in section 949d of this title), trial coun-  
20 sel, and defense counsel, nor may he vote with the mem-  
21 bers.

22           “(e) OTHER DUTIES.—A commissioned officer who  
23 is certified to be qualified for duty as a military judge of  
24 a military commission under this chapter may perform  
25 such other duties as are assigned to him by or with the

1 approval of the Judge Advocate General of the armed  
2 force of which such officer is a member or the designee  
3 of such Judge Advocate General.

4 “(f) PROHIBITION ON EVALUATION OF FITNESS BY  
5 CONVENING AUTHORITY.—The convening authority of a  
6 military commission under this chapter shall not prepare  
7 or review any report concerning the effectiveness, fitness,  
8 or efficiency of a military judge detailed to the military  
9 commission which relates to his performance of duty as  
10 a military judge on the military commission.

11 **“§ 948k. Detail of trial counsel and defense counsel**

12 “(a) DETAIL OF COUNSEL GENERALLY.—(1) Trial  
13 counsel and military defense counsel shall be detailed for  
14 each military commission under this chapter.

15 “(2) Assistant trial counsel and assistant and asso-  
16 ciate defense counsel may be detailed for a military com-  
17 mission under this chapter.

18 “(3) Military defense counsel for a military commis-  
19 sion under this chapter shall be detailed as soon as prac-  
20 ticable.

21 “(4) The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regula-  
22 tions providing for the manner in which trial counsel and  
23 military defense counsel are detailed for military commis-  
24 sions under this chapter and for the persons who are au-

1 thORIZED to detail such counsel for such military commis-  
2 sions.

3 “(b) TRIAL COUNSEL.—Subject to subsection (e),  
4 trial counsel detailed for a military commission under this  
5 chapter must be—

6 “(1) a judge advocate (as that term is defined  
7 in section 801 of this title (article 1 of the Uniform  
8 Code of Military Justice)) who is—

9 “(A) a graduate of an accredited law  
10 school or is a member of the bar of a Federal  
11 court or of the highest court of a State; and

12 “(B) certified as competent to perform du-  
13 ties as trial counsel before general courts-mar-  
14 tial by the Judge Advocate General of the  
15 armed force of which he is a member; or

16 “(2) a civilian who is—

17 “(A) a member of the bar of a Federal  
18 court or of the highest court of a State; and

19 “(B) otherwise qualified to practice before  
20 the military commission pursuant to regulations  
21 prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

22 “(c) MILITARY DEFENSE COUNSEL.—Subject to sub-  
23 section (e), military defense counsel detailed for a military  
24 commission under this chapter must be a judge advocate  
25 (as so defined) who is—

1           “(1) a graduate of an accredited law school or  
2           is a member of the bar of a Federal court or of the  
3           highest court of a State; and

4           “(2) certified as competent to perform duties as  
5           defense counsel before general courts-martial by the  
6           Judge Advocate General of the armed force of which  
7           he is a member.

8           “(d) CHIEF PROSECUTOR; CHIEF DEFENSE COUN-  
9           SEL.—(1) The Chief Prosecutor in a military commission  
10          under this chapter shall meet the requirements set forth  
11          in subsection (b)(1).

12          “(2) The Chief Defense Counsel in a military com-  
13          mission under this chapter shall meet the requirements set  
14          forth in subsection (c)(1).

15          “(e) INELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.—No  
16          person who has acted as an investigator, military judge,  
17          or member of a military commission under this chapter  
18          in any case may act later as trial counsel or military de-  
19          fense counsel in the same case. No person who has acted  
20          for the prosecution before a military commission under  
21          this chapter may act later in the same case for the de-  
22          fense, nor may any person who has acted for the defense  
23          before a military commission under this chapter act later  
24          in the same case for the prosecution.

1 **“§ 948l. Detail or employment of reporters and inter-**  
2 **preters**

3 “(a) COURT REPORTERS.—Under such regulations  
4 as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe, the convening  
5 authority of a military commission under this chapter  
6 shall detail to or employ for the military commission quali-  
7 fied court reporters, who shall prepare a verbatim record  
8 of the proceedings of and testimony taken before the mili-  
9 tary commission.

10 “(b) INTERPRETERS.—Under such regulations as the  
11 Secretary of Defense may prescribe, the convening author-  
12 ity of a military commission under this chapter may detail  
13 to or employ for the military commission interpreters who  
14 shall interpret for the military commission, and, as nec-  
15 essary, for trial counsel and defense counsel for the mili-  
16 tary commission, and for the accused.

17 “(c) TRANSCRIPT; RECORD.—The transcript of a  
18 military commission under this chapter shall be under the  
19 control of the convening authority of the military commis-  
20 sion, who shall also be responsible for preparing the record  
21 of the proceedings of the military commission.

22 **“§ 948m. Number of members; excuse of members; ab-**  
23 **sent and additional members**

24 “(a) NUMBER OF MEMBERS.—(1) A military com-  
25 mission under this chapter shall, except as provided in  
26 paragraph (2), have at least five members.

1           “(2) In a case in which the accused before a military  
2 commission under this chapter may be sentenced to a pen-  
3 alty of death, the military commission shall have the num-  
4 ber of members prescribed by section 949m(e) of this title.

5           “(b) EXCUSE OF MEMBERS.—No member of a mili-  
6 tary commission under this chapter may be absent or ex-  
7 cused after the military commission has been assembled  
8 for the trial of a case unless excused—

9                   “(1) as a result of challenge;

10                   “(2) by the military judge for physical disability  
11 or other good cause; or

12                   “(3) by order of the convening authority for  
13 good cause.

14           “(c) ABSENT AND ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—When-  
15 ever a military commission under this chapter is reduced  
16 below the number of members required by subsection (a),  
17 the trial may not proceed unless the convening authority  
18 details new members sufficient to provide not less than  
19 such number. The trial may proceed with the new mem-  
20 bers present after the recorded evidence previously intro-  
21 duced before the members has been read to the military  
22 commission in the presence of the military judge, the ac-  
23 cused (except as provided in section 949d of this title),  
24 and counsel for both sides.



## 1 “SUBCHAPTER III—PRE-TRIAL PROCEDURE

“Sec.

“948q. Charges and specifications.

“948r. Compulsory self-incrimination prohibited; statements obtained by torture or cruel inhuman or degrading treatment.

“948s. Service of charges.

2 **“§ 948q. Charges and specifications**

3 “(a) CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS.—Charges and  
4 specifications against an accused in a military commission  
5 under this chapter shall be signed by a person subject to  
6 chapter 47 of this title under oath before a commissioned  
7 officer of the armed forces authorized to administer oaths  
8 and shall state—

9 “(1) that the signer has personal knowledge of,  
10 or reason to believe, the matters set forth therein;  
11 and

12 “(2) that they are true in fact to the best of his  
13 knowledge and belief.

14 “(b) NOTICE TO ACCUSED.—Upon the swearing of  
15 the charges and specifications in accordance with sub-  
16 section (a), the accused shall be informed of the charges  
17 and specifications against him as soon as practicable.

18 **“§ 948r. Compulsory self-incrimination prohibited;**  
19 **statements obtained by torture or cruel**  
20 **inhuman or degrading treatment**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—No person shall be required to  
22 testify against himself at a proceeding of a military com-  
23 mission under this chapter.

1           “(b) STATEMENTS OBTAINED BY TORTURE OR  
2 CRUEL, INHUMAN, OR DEGRADING TREATMENT.—A  
3 statement obtained by use of torture or by cruel, inhuman,  
4 or degrading treatment prohibited by section 1003 of the  
5 Detainee Treatment Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 2000dd),  
6 whether or not under color of law, shall not be admissible  
7 in a military commission under this chapter, except  
8 against a person accused of torture or such treatment as  
9 evidence the statement was made.

10           “(c) STATEMENTS OBTAINED BY ALLEGED COER-  
11 CION NOT AMOUNTING TO TORTURE OR CRUEL, INHU-  
12 MAN, OR DEGRADING TREATMENT.—An otherwise admis-  
13 sible statement obtained through the use of alleged coer-  
14 cion not amounting to torture or cruel, inhuman, or de-  
15 grading treatment prohibited by section 1003 of the De-  
16 tainee Treatment Act of 2005 may be admitted in evidence  
17 in a military commission under this chapter only if the  
18 military judge finds that—

19           “(1) the totality of the circumstances under  
20 which the statement was made render it reliable and  
21 possessing sufficient probative value; and

22           “(2) the interests of justice would best be  
23 served by admission of the statement into evidence.

1 **“§ 948s. Service of charges**

2 “The trial counsel assigned to a case before a military  
3 commission under this chapter shall cause to be served  
4 upon the accused and military defense counsel a copy of  
5 the charges upon which trial is to be had in English and,  
6 if appropriate, in another language that the accused un-  
7 derstands, sufficiently in advance of trial to prepare a de-  
8 fense.

9 **“SUBCHAPTER IV—TRIAL PROCEDURE**

“Sec.

“949a. Rules.

“949b. Unlawfully influencing action of military commission.

“949c. Duties of trial counsel and defense counsel.

“949d. Sessions.

“949e. Continuances.

“949f. Challenges.

“949g. Oaths.

“949h. Former jeopardy.

“949i. Pleas of the accused.

“949j. Opportunity to obtain witnesses and other evidence.

“949k. Defense of lack of mental responsibility.

“949l. Voting and rulings.

“949m. Number of votes required.

“949n. Military commission to announce action.

“949o. Record of trial.

10 **“§ 949a. Rules**

11 “(a) PROCEDURES AND RULES OF EVIDENCE.—Pre-  
12 trial, trial, and post-trial procedures, including elements  
13 and modes of proof, for cases triable by military commis-  
14 sion under this chapter may be prescribed by the Secretary  
15 of Defense. Such procedures may not be contrary to or  
16 inconsistent with this chapter. Except as otherwise pro-  
17 vided in this chapter or chapter 47 of this title, the proce-  
18 dures and rules of evidence applicable in trials by general

1 courts-martial of the United States shall apply in trials  
2 by military commission under this chapter.

3 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—(1) The Secretary of Defense, in  
4 consultation with the Attorney General, may make such  
5 exceptions in the applicability in trials by military commis-  
6 sion under this chapter from the procedures and rules of  
7 evidence otherwise applicable in general courts-martial as  
8 may be required by the unique circumstances of the con-  
9 duct of military and intelligence operations during hos-  
10 tilities or by other practical need.

11 “(2) Notwithstanding any exceptions authorized by  
12 paragraph (1), the procedures and rules of evidence in  
13 trials by military commission under this chapter shall in-  
14 clude, at a minimum, the following rights:

15 “(A) To examine and respond to all evidence  
16 considered by the military commission on the issue  
17 of guilt or innocence and for sentencing.

18 “(B) To be present at all sessions of the mili-  
19 tary commission (other than those for deliberations  
20 or voting), except when excluded under section 949d  
21 of this title.

22 “(C) To the assistance of counsel.

23 “(D) To self-representation, if the accused  
24 knowingly and competently waives the assistance of  
25 counsel, subject to the provisions of paragraph (4).

1           “(E) To the suppression of evidence that is not  
2 reliable or probative.

3           “(F) To the suppression of evidence the pro-  
4 bative value of which is substantially outweighed  
5 by—

6                   “(i) the danger of unfair prejudice, confu-  
7 sion of the issues, or misleading the members;  
8 or

9                   “(ii) considerations of undue delay, waste  
10 of time, or needless presentation of cumulative  
11 evidence.

12           “(3) In making exceptions in the applicability in  
13 trials by military commission under this chapter from the  
14 procedures and rules otherwise applicable in general  
15 courts-martial, the Secretary of Defense may provide the  
16 following:

17                   “(A) Evidence seized outside the United States  
18 shall not be excluded from trial by military commis-  
19 sion on the grounds that the evidence was not seized  
20 pursuant to a search warrant or authorization.

21                   “(B) A statement of the accused that is other-  
22 wise admissible shall not be excluded from trial by  
23 military commission on grounds of alleged coercion  
24 or compulsory self-incrimination so long as the evi-

1           dence complies with the provisions of section 948r of  
2           this title.

3           “(C) Evidence shall be admitted as authentic so  
4           long as—

5                   “(i) the military judge of the military com-  
6                   mission determines that there is sufficient evi-  
7                   dence that the evidence is what it is claimed to  
8                   be; and

9                   “(ii) the military judge instructs the mem-  
10                  bers that they may consider any issue as to au-  
11                  thentication or identification of evidence in de-  
12                  termining the weight, if any, to be given to the  
13                  evidence.

14           “(D) Hearsay evidence not otherwise admissible  
15           under the rules of evidence applicable in trial by  
16           general courts-martial may be admitted in a trial by  
17           military commission only if—

18                   “(i) the proponent of the evidence makes  
19                   known to the adverse party, sufficiently in ad-  
20                   vance of trial or hearing to provide the adverse  
21                   party with a fair opportunity to meet the evi-  
22                   dence, the proponent’s intention to offer the  
23                   evidence, and the particulars of the evidence  
24                   (including information on the circumstances  
25                   under which the evidence was obtained); and

1                   “(ii) the military judge finds that the total-  
2                   ity of the circumstances render the evidence  
3                   more probative on the point for which it is of-  
4                   fered than other evidence which the proponent  
5                   can procure through reasonable efforts, taking  
6                   into consideration the unique circumstances of  
7                   the conduct of military and intelligence oper-  
8                   ations during hostilities.

9                   “(4)(A) The accused in a military commission under  
10 this chapter who exercises the right to self-representation  
11 under paragraph (2)(D) shall conform his deportment and  
12 the conduct of the defense to the rules of evidence, proce-  
13 dure, and decorum applicable to trials by military commis-  
14 sion.

15                   “(B) Failure of the accused to conform to the rules  
16 described in subparagraph (A) may result in a partial or  
17 total revocation by the military judge of the right of self-  
18 representation under paragraph (2)(D). In such case, the  
19 detailed defense counsel of the accused or an appropriately  
20 authorized civilian counsel shall perform the functions nec-  
21 essary for the defense.

22                   “(c) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE  
23 REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense may delegate  
24 the authority of the Secretary to prescribe regulations  
25 under this chapter.

1 **“§ 949b. Unlawfully influencing action of military**  
2 **commission**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) No authority convening a  
4 military commission under this chapter may censure, rep-  
5 rimand, or admonish the military commission, or any  
6 member, military judge, or counsel thereof, with respect  
7 to the findings or sentence adjudged by the military com-  
8 mission, or with respect to any other exercises of its or  
9 their functions in the conduct of the proceedings.

10 “(2) No person may attempt to coerce or, by any un-  
11 authorized means, influence—

12 “(A) the action of a military commission under  
13 this chapter, or any member thereof, in reaching the  
14 findings or sentence in any case;

15 “(B) the action of any convening, approving, or  
16 reviewing authority with respect to their judicial  
17 acts; or

18 “(C) the exercise of professional judgment by  
19 trial counsel or defense counsel.

20 “(3) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply  
21 with respect to—

22 “(A) general instructional or informational  
23 courses in military justice if such courses are de-  
24 signed solely for the purpose of instructing members  
25 of a command in the substantive and procedural as-  
26 pects of military commissions; or



1           “(B) statements and instructions given in open  
2           proceedings by a military judge or counsel.

3           “(b) PROHIBITION ON CONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS  
4 ON COMMISSION IN EVALUATION OF FITNESS.—In the  
5 preparation of an effectiveness, fitness, or efficiency report  
6 or any other report or document used in whole or in part  
7 for the purpose of determining whether a commissioned  
8 officer of the armed forces is qualified to be advanced in  
9 grade, or in determining the assignment or transfer of any  
10 such officer or whether any such officer should be retained  
11 on active duty, no person may—

12           “(1) consider or evaluate the performance of  
13 duty of any member of a military commission under  
14 this chapter; or

15           “(2) give a less favorable rating or evaluation  
16 to any commissioned officer because of the zeal with  
17 which such officer, in acting as counsel, represented  
18 any accused before a military commission under this  
19 chapter.

20 **“§ 949c. Duties of trial counsel and defense counsel**

21           “(a) TRIAL COUNSEL.—The trial counsel of a mili-  
22 tary commission under this chapter shall prosecute in the  
23 name of the United States.

1           “(b) DEFENSE COUNSEL.—(1) The accused shall be  
2 represented in his defense before a military commission  
3 under this chapter as provided in this subsection.

4           “(2) The accused shall be represented by military  
5 counsel detailed under section 948k of this title.

6           “(3) The accused may be represented by civilian  
7 counsel if retained by the accused, provided that such civil-  
8 ian counsel—

9                   “(A) is a United States citizen;

10                   “(B) is admitted to the practice of law in a  
11 State, district, or possession of the United States, or  
12 before a Federal court;

13                   “(C) has not been the subject of any sanction  
14 of disciplinary action by any court, bar, or other  
15 competent governmental authority for relevant mis-  
16 conduct;

17                   “(D) has been determined to be eligible for ac-  
18 cess to information classified at the level Secret or  
19 higher; and

20                   “(E) has signed a written agreement to comply  
21 with all applicable regulations or instructions for  
22 counsel, including any rules of court for conduct  
23 during the proceedings.

24           “(4) If the accused is represented by civilian counsel,  
25 military counsel detailed shall act as associate counsel.

1           “(5) The accused is not entitled to be represented by  
2 more than one military counsel. However, the person au-  
3 thorized under regulations prescribed under section 948k  
4 of this title to detail counsel, in such person’s sole discre-  
5 tion, may detail additional military counsel to represent  
6 the accused.

7           “(6) Defense counsel may cross-examine each witness  
8 for the prosecution who testifies before a military commis-  
9 sion under this chapter.

10 **“§ 949d. Sessions**

11           “(a) SESSIONS WITHOUT PRESENCE OF MEM-  
12 BERS.—(1) At any time after the service of charges which  
13 have been referred for trial by military commission under  
14 this chapter, the military judge may call the military com-  
15 mission into session without the presence of the members  
16 for the purpose of—

17                   “(A) hearing and determining motions raising  
18 defenses or objections which are capable of deter-  
19 mination without trial of the issues raised by a plea  
20 of not guilty;

21                   “(B) hearing and ruling upon any matter which  
22 may be ruled upon by the military judge under this  
23 chapter, whether or not the matter is appropriate for  
24 later consideration or decision by the members;

1           “(C) if permitted by regulations prescribed by  
2           the Secretary of Defense, receiving the pleas of the  
3           accused; and

4           “(D) performing any other procedural function  
5           which may be performed by the military judge under  
6           this chapter or under rules prescribed pursuant to  
7           section 949a of this title and which does not require  
8           the presence of the members.

9           “(2) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), and  
10          (d), any proceedings under paragraph (1) shall be con-  
11          ducted in the presence of the accused, defense counsel, and  
12          trial counsel, and shall be made part of the record.

13          “(b) DELIBERATION OR VOTE OF MEMBERS.—When  
14          the members of a military commission under this chapter  
15          deliberate or vote, only the members may be present.

16          “(c) CLOSURE OF PROCEEDINGS.—(1) The military  
17          judge may close to the public all or part of the proceedings  
18          of a military commission under this chapter.

19          “(2) The military judge may close to the public all  
20          or a portion of the proceedings under paragraph (1) only  
21          upon making a specific finding that such closure is nec-  
22          essary to—

23                 “(A) protect information the disclosure of which  
24                 could reasonably be expected to cause damage to the

1 national security, including intelligence or law en-  
2 forcement sources, methods, or activities; or

3 “(B) ensure the physical safety of individuals.

4 “(3) A finding under paragraph (2) may be based  
5 upon a presentation, including a presentation ex parte or  
6 in camera, by either trial counsel or defense counsel.

7 “(4)(A) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph,  
8 classified information shall be handled in accordance with  
9 rules applicable in trials by general courts-martial of the  
10 United States.

11 “(B) Classified information shall be protected and is  
12 privileged from disclosure if disclosure would be detri-  
13 mental to the national security. This subparagraph applies  
14 to all stages of proceedings of military commissions under  
15 this chapter.

16 “(C) After the original classification authority or  
17 head of the agency concerned has certified in writing that  
18 evidence and the sources thereof have been declassified to  
19 the maximum extent possible, consistent with the require-  
20 ments of national security, the military judge may, to the  
21 extent practicable in accordance with the rules applicable  
22 in trials by court-martial, authorize—

23 “(i) the deletion of specified items of classified  
24 information from documents made available to the  
25 accused;

1           “(ii) the substitution of a portion or summary  
2           of the information for such classified documents; or

3           “(iii) the substitution of a statement admitting  
4           relevant facts that the classified information would  
5           tend to prove.

6           “(D) A claim of privilege under this paragraph, and  
7           any materials in support thereof, shall, upon the request  
8           of the Government, be considered by the military judge  
9           *in camera* and shall not be disclosed to the accused.

10          “(d) EXCLUSION OF ACCUSED FROM CERTAIN PRO-  
11          CEEDINGS.—The military judge may exclude the accused  
12          from any portion of a proceeding upon a determination  
13          that, after being warned by the military judge, the accused  
14          persists in conduct that justifies exclusion from the court-  
15          room—

16                 “(1) to ensure the physical safety of individuals;  
17                 or

18                 “(2) to prevent disruption of the proceedings by  
19                 the accused.

20          **“§ 949e. Continuances**

21                 “The military judge in a military commission under  
22          this chapter may, for reasonable cause, grant a continu-  
23          ance to any party for such time, and as often, as may  
24          appear to be just.

**1 “§ 949f. Challenges**

2 “(a) CHALLENGES AUTHORIZED.—The military  
3 judge and members of a military commission under this  
4 chapter may be challenged by the accused or trial counsel  
5 for cause stated to the military commission. The military  
6 judge shall determine the relevance and validity of chal-  
7 lenges for cause, and may not receive a challenge to more  
8 than one person at a time. Challenges by trial counsel  
9 shall ordinarily be presented and decided before those by  
10 the accused are offered.

11 “(b) PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES.—The accused and  
12 trial counsel are each entitled to one peremptory challenge,  
13 but the military judge may not be challenged except for  
14 cause.

15 “(c) CHALLENGES AGAINST ADDITIONAL MEM-  
16 BERS.—Whenever additional members are detailed to a  
17 military commission under this chapter, and after any  
18 challenges for cause against such additional members are  
19 presented and decided, the accused and trial counsel are  
20 each entitled to one peremptory challenge against mem-  
21 bers not previously subject to peremptory challenge.

**22 “§ 949g. Oaths**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Before performing their re-  
24 spective duties in a military commission under this chap-  
25 ter, military judges, members, trial counsel, defense coun-

1 sel, reporters, and interpreters shall take an oath to per-  
2 form their duties faithfully.

3 “(2) The form of the oath required by paragraph (1),  
4 the time and place of the taking thereof, the manner of  
5 recording thereof, and whether the oath shall be taken for  
6 all cases in which duties are to be performed or for a par-  
7 ticular case, shall be as provided in regulations prescribed  
8 by the Secretary of Defense. The regulations may provide  
9 that—

10 “(A) an oath to perform faithfully duties as a  
11 military judge, trial counsel, or defense counsel may  
12 be taken at any time by any judge advocate or other  
13 person certified to be qualified or competent for the  
14 duty; and

15 “(B) if such an oath is taken, such oath need  
16 not again be taken at the time the judge advocate  
17 or other person is detailed to that duty.

18 “(b) WITNESSES.—Each witness before a military  
19 commission under this chapter shall be examined on oath.

20 “(c) OATH DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
21 ‘oath’ includes an affirmation.

22 **“§ 949h. Former jeopardy**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—No person may, without his con-  
24 sent, be tried by a military commission under this chapter  
25 a second time for the same offense.



1           “(b) SCOPE OF TRIAL.—No proceeding in which the  
2 accused has been found guilty by military commission  
3 under this chapter upon any charge or specification is a  
4 trial in the sense of this section until the finding of guilty  
5 has become final after review of the case has been fully  
6 completed.

7           **“§ 949i. Pleas of the accused**

8           “(a) PLEA OF NOT GUILTY.—If an accused in a mili-  
9 tary commission under this chapter after a plea of guilty  
10 sets up matter inconsistent with the plea, or if it appears  
11 that the accused has entered the plea of guilty through  
12 lack of understanding of its meaning and effect, or if the  
13 accused fails or refuses to plead, a plea of not guilty shall  
14 be entered in the record, and the military commission shall  
15 proceed as though the accused had pleaded not guilty.

16           “(b) FINDING OF GUILT AFTER GUILTY PLEA.—  
17 With respect to any charge or specification to which a plea  
18 of guilty has been made by the accused in a military com-  
19 mission under this chapter and accepted by the military  
20 judge, a finding of guilty of the charge or specification  
21 may be entered immediately without a vote. The finding  
22 shall constitute the finding of the military commission un-  
23 less the plea of guilty is withdrawn prior to announcement  
24 of the sentence, in which event the proceedings shall con-  
25 tinue as though the accused had pleaded not guilty.

1 **“§ 949j. Opportunity to obtain witnesses and other**  
2 **evidence**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Defense counsel in a military  
4 commission under this chapter shall have a reasonable op-  
5 portunity to obtain witnesses and other evidence as pro-  
6 vided in regulations prescribed by the Secretary of De-  
7 fense.

8 “(2) Process issued in military commissions under  
9 this chapter to compel witnesses to appear and testify and  
10 to compel the production of other evidence—

11 “(A) shall be similar to that which courts of the  
12 United States having criminal jurisdiction may law-  
13 fully issue; and

14 “(B) shall run to any place where the United  
15 States shall have jurisdiction thereof.

16 “(b) DISCLOSURE OF EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE.—As  
17 soon as practicable, trial counsel in a military commission  
18 under this chapter shall disclose to the defense the exist-  
19 ence of any known evidence that reasonably tends to excul-  
20 pate or reduce the degree of guilt of the accused.

21 “(c) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN ITEMS.—In accord-  
22 ance with the rules applicable in trials by general courts-  
23 martial in the United States, and to the extent provided  
24 in such rules, the military judge in a military commission  
25 under this chapter may authorize trial counsel, in making

1 documents available to the accused pursuant to sub-  
2 sections (a) and (b)—

3 “(1) to delete specified items of classified infor-  
4 mation from such documents;

5 “(2) to substitute an unclassified summary of  
6 the classified information in such documents; or

7 “(3) to substitute an unclassified statement ad-  
8 mitting relevant facts that classified information in  
9 such documents would tend to prove.

10 **“§ 949k. Defense of lack of mental responsibility**

11 “(a) AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE.—It is an affirmative  
12 defense in a trial by military commission under this chap-  
13 ter that, at the time of the commission of the acts consti-  
14 tuting the offense, the accused, as a result of a severe  
15 mental disease or defect, was unable to appreciate the na-  
16 ture and quality or the wrongfulness of the acts. Mental  
17 disease or defect does not otherwise constitute a defense.

18 “(b) BURDEN OF PROOF.—The accused in a military  
19 commission under this chapter has the burden of proving  
20 the defense of lack of mental responsibility by clear and  
21 convincing evidence.

22 “(c) FINDINGS FOLLOWING ASSERTION OF DE-  
23 FENSE.—Whenever lack of mental responsibility of the ac-  
24 cused with respect to an offense is properly at issue in  
25 a military commission under this chapter, the military

1 judge shall instruct the members as to the defense of lack  
2 of mental responsibility under this section and shall  
3 charge the members to find the accused—

4           “(1) guilty;

5           “(2) not guilty; or

6           “(3) subject to subsection (d), not guilty by rea-  
7 son of lack of mental responsibility.

8           “(d) MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED FOR FINDING.—

9 The accused shall be found not guilty by reason of lack  
10 of mental responsibility under subsection (c)(3) only if a  
11 majority of the members present at the time the vote is  
12 taken determines that the defense of lack of mental re-  
13 sponsibility has been established.

14 **“§ 9491. Voting and rulings**

15           “(a) VOTE BY SECRET WRITTEN BALLOT.—Voting  
16 by members of a military commission under this chapter  
17 on the findings and on the sentence shall be by secret writ-  
18 ten ballot.

19           “(b) RULINGS.—(1) The military judge in a military  
20 commission under this chapter shall rule upon all ques-  
21 tions of law, including the admissibility of evidence and  
22 all interlocutory questions arising during the proceedings.

23           “(2) Any ruling made by the military judge upon a  
24 question of law or an interlocutory question (other than  
25 the factual issue of mental responsibility of the accused)

1 is conclusive and constitutes the ruling of the military  
2 commission. However, a military judge may change his  
3 ruling at any time during the trial.

4 “(c) INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO VOTE.—Before a vote  
5 is taken of the findings of a military commission under  
6 this chapter, the military judge shall, in the presence of  
7 the accused and counsel, instruct the members as to the  
8 elements of the offense and charge the members—

9 “(1) that the accused must be presumed to be  
10 innocent until his guilt is established by legal and  
11 competent evidence beyond a reasonable doubt;

12 “(2) that in the case being considered, if there  
13 is a reasonable doubt as to the guilt of the accused,  
14 the doubt must be resolved in favor of the accused  
15 and he must be acquitted;

16 “(3) that, if there is reasonable doubt as to the  
17 degree of guilt, the finding must be in a lower de-  
18 gree as to which there is no reasonable doubt; and

19 “(4) that the burden of proof to establish the  
20 guilt of the accused beyond a reasonable doubt is  
21 upon the United States.

22 **“§ 949m. Number of votes required**

23 “(a) CONVICTION.—No person may be convicted by  
24 a military commission under this chapter of any offense,  
25 except as provided in section 949i(b) of this title or by

1 concurrence of two-thirds of the members present at the  
2 time the vote is taken.

3 “(b) SENTENCES.—(1) Except as provided in para-  
4 graphs (2) and (3), sentences shall be determined by a  
5 military commission by the concurrence of two-thirds of  
6 the members present at the time the vote is taken.

7 “(2) No person may be sentenced to death by a mili-  
8 tary commission, except insofar as—

9 “(A) the penalty of death has been expressly  
10 authorized under this chapter, chapter 47 of this  
11 title, or the law of war for an offense of which the  
12 accused has been found guilty;

13 “(B) trial counsel expressly sought the penalty  
14 of death by filing an appropriate notice in advance  
15 of trial;

16 “(C) the accused was convicted of the offense  
17 by the concurrence of all the members present at the  
18 time the vote is taken; and

19 “(D) all members present at the time the vote  
20 was taken concurred in the sentence of death.

21 “(3) No person may be sentenced to life imprison-  
22 ment, or to confinement for more than 10 years, by a mili-  
23 tary commission under this chapter except by the concur-  
24 rence of three-fourths of the members present at the time  
25 the vote is taken.

1           “(c) NUMBER OF MEMBERS REQUIRED FOR PEN-  
2 ALTY OF DEATH.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph  
3 (2), in a case in which the penalty of death is sought, the  
4 number of members of the military commission under this  
5 chapter shall be not less than 12 members.

6           “(2) In any case described in paragraph (1) in which  
7 12 members are not reasonably available for a military  
8 commission because of physical conditions or military ex-  
9 igencies, the convening authority shall specify a lesser  
10 number of members for the military commission (but not  
11 fewer than 5 members), and the military commission may  
12 be assembled, and the trial held, with not less than the  
13 number of members so specified. In any such case, the  
14 convening authority shall make a detailed written state-  
15 ment, to be appended to the record, stating why a greater  
16 number of members were not reasonably available.

17 **“§ 949n. Military commission to announce action**

18           “A military commission under this chapter shall an-  
19 nounce its findings and sentence to the parties as soon  
20 as determined.

21 **“§ 949o. Record of trial**

22           “(a) RECORD; AUTHENTICATION.—Each military  
23 commission under this chapter shall keep a separate, ver-  
24 batim, record of the proceedings in each case brought be-  
25 fore it, and the record shall be authenticated by the signa-

1 ture of the military judge. If the record cannot be authen-  
2 ticated by the military judge by reason of his death, dis-  
3 ability, or absence, it shall be authenticated by the signa-  
4 ture of the trial counsel or by a member if the trial counsel  
5 is unable to authenticate it by reason of his death, dis-  
6 ability, or absence. Where appropriate, and as provided  
7 in regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, the  
8 record of a military commission under this chapter may  
9 contain a classified annex.

10 “(b) COMPLETE RECORD REQUIRED.—A complete  
11 record of the proceedings and testimony shall be prepared  
12 in every military commission under this chapter.

13 “(c) PROVISION OF COPY TO ACCUSED.—A copy of  
14 the record of the proceedings of the military commission  
15 under this chapter shall be given the accused as soon as  
16 it is authenticated. If the record contains classified infor-  
17 mation, or a classified annex, the accused shall receive a  
18 redacted version of the record consistent with the require-  
19 ments of section 949d(c)(4) of this title. Defense counsel  
20 shall have access to the unredacted record, as provided  
21 in regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

22 “SUBCHAPTER V—SENTENCES

“Sec.

“949s. Cruel or unusual punishments prohibited.

“949t. Maximum limits.

“949u. Execution of confinement.



1 **“§ 949s. Cruel or unusual punishments prohibited**

2 “Punishment by flogging, or by branding, marking,  
3 or tattooing on the body, or any other cruel or unusual  
4 punishment, may not be adjudged by a military commis-  
5 sion under this chapter or inflicted under this chapter  
6 upon any person subject to this chapter. The use of irons,  
7 single or double, except for the purpose of safe custody,  
8 is prohibited under this chapter.

9 **“§ 949t. Maximum limits**

10 “The punishment which a military commission under  
11 this chapter may direct for an offense may not exceed such  
12 limits as the President or Secretary of Defense may pre-  
13 scribe for that offense.

14 **“§ 949u. Execution of confinement**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Under such regulations as the  
16 Secretary of Defense may prescribe, a sentence of confine-  
17 ment adjudged by a military commission under this chap-  
18 ter may be carried into execution by confinement—

19 “(1) in any place of confinement under the con-  
20 trol of any of the armed forces; or

21 “(2) in any penal or correctional institution  
22 under the control of the United States or its allies,  
23 or which the United States may be allowed to use.

24 “(b) TREATMENT DURING CONFINEMENT BY OTHER  
25 THAN THE ARMED FORCES.—Persons confined under  
26 subsection (a)(2) in a penal or correctional institution not

1 under the control of an armed force are subject to the  
2 same discipline and treatment as persons confined or com-  
3 mitted by the courts of the United States or of the State,  
4 District of Columbia, or place in which the institution is  
5 situated.

6 “SUBCHAPTER VI—POST-TRIAL PROCEDURE  
7 AND REVIEW OF MILITARY COMMISSIONS

“Sec.

“950a. Error of law; lesser included offense.

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“950h. Execution of sentence; suspension of sentence.

“950i. Finality of proceedings, findings, and sentences.

8 **“§ 950a. Error of law; lesser included offense**

9 “(a) ERROR OF LAW.—A finding or sentence of a  
10 military commission under this chapter may not be held  
11 incorrect on the ground of an error of law unless the error  
12 materially prejudices the substantial rights of the accused.

13 “(b) LESSER INCLUDED OFFENSE.—Any reviewing  
14 authority with the power to approve or affirm a finding  
15 of guilty by a military commission under this chapter may  
16 approve or affirm, instead, so much of the finding as in-  
17 cludes a lesser included offense.

18 **“§ 950b. Review by the convening authority**

19 “(a) NOTICE TO CONVENING AUTHORITY OF FIND-  
20 INGS AND SENTENCE.—The findings and sentence of a

1 military commission under this chapter shall be reported  
2 in writing promptly to the convening authority after the  
3 announcement of the sentence.

4 “(b) SUBMITTAL OF MATTERS BY ACCUSED TO CON-  
5 VENING AUTHORITY.—(1) The accused may submit to the  
6 convening authority matters for consideration by the con-  
7 vening authority with respect to the findings and the sen-  
8 tence of the military commission under this chapter.

9 “(2)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), a  
10 submittal under paragraph (1) shall be made in writing  
11 within 20 days after accused has been give an authenti-  
12 cated record of trial under section 949o(c) of this title.

13 “(B) If the accused shows that additional time is re-  
14 quired for the accused to make a submittal under para-  
15 graph (1), the convening authority may, for good cause,  
16 extend the applicable period under subparagraph (A) for  
17 not more than an additional 20 days.

18 “(3) The accused may waive his right to make a sub-  
19 mittal to the convening authority under paragraph (1).  
20 Such a waiver shall be made in writing, and may not be  
21 revoked. For the purposes of subsection (c)(2), the time  
22 within which the accused may make a submittal under this  
23 subsection shall be deemed to have expired upon the sub-  
24 mittal of a waiver under this paragraph to the convening  
25 authority.

1           “(c) ACTION BY CONVENING AUTHORITY.—(1) The  
2 authority under this subsection to modify the findings and  
3 sentence of a military commission under this chapter is  
4 a matter of the sole discretion and prerogative of the con-  
5 vening authority.

6           “(2) The convening authority is not required to take  
7 action on the findings of a military commission under this  
8 chapter. If the convening authority takes action on the  
9 findings, the convening authority may, in his sole discre-  
10 tion, only—

11           “(A) dismiss any charge or specification by set-  
12 ting aside a finding of guilty thereto; or

13           “(B) change a finding of guilty to a charge to  
14 a finding of guilty to an offense that is a lesser in-  
15 cluded offense of the offense stated in the charge.

16           “(3)(A) The convening authority shall take action on  
17 the sentence of a military commission under this chapter.

18           “(B) Subject to regulations prescribed by the Sec-  
19 retary of Defense, action under this paragraph may be  
20 taken only after consideration of any matters submitted  
21 by the accused under subsection (b) or after the time for  
22 submitting such matters expires, whichever is earlier.

23           “(C) In taking action under this paragraph, the con-  
24 vening authority may, in his sole discretion, approve, dis-  
25 approve, commute, or suspend the sentence in whole or

1 in part. The convening authority may not increase a sen-  
2 tence beyond that which is found by the military commis-  
3 sion.

4 “(4) The convening authority shall serve on the ac-  
5 cused or on defense counsel notice of any action taken by  
6 the convening authority under this subsection.

7 “(d) ORDER OF REVISION OR REHEARING.—(1) Sub-  
8 ject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the convening authority  
9 of a military commission under this chapter may, in his  
10 sole discretion, order a proceeding in revision or a rehear-  
11 ing.

12 “(2)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), a  
13 proceeding in revision may be ordered by the convening  
14 authority if—

15 “(i) there is an apparent error or omission in  
16 the record; or

17 “(ii) the record shows improper or inconsistent  
18 action by the military commission with respect to  
19 the findings or sentence that can be rectified without  
20 material prejudice to the substantial rights of the  
21 accused.

22 “(B) In no case may a proceeding in revision—

23 “(i) reconsider a finding of not guilty of a spec-  
24 ification or a ruling which amounts to a finding of  
25 not guilty;

1           “(ii) reconsider a finding of not guilty of any  
2 charge, unless there has been a finding of guilty  
3 under a specification laid under that charge, which  
4 sufficiently alleges a violation; or

5           “(iii) increase the severity of the sentence un-  
6 less the sentence prescribed for the offense is man-  
7 datory.

8           “(3) A rehearing may be ordered by the convening  
9 authority if the convening authority disapproves the find-  
10 ings and sentence and states the reasons for disapproval  
11 of the findings. If the convening authority disapproves the  
12 finding and sentence and does not order a rehearing, the  
13 convening authority shall dismiss the charges. A rehearing  
14 as to the findings may not be ordered by the convening  
15 authority when there is a lack of sufficient evidence in the  
16 record to support the findings. A rehearing as to the sen-  
17 tence may be ordered by the convening authority if the  
18 convening authority disapproves the sentence.

19 **“§ 950c. Waiver or withdrawal of appeal**

20           “(a) WAIVER OF RIGHT OF REVIEW.—(1) An ac-  
21 cused may file with the convening authority a statement  
22 expressly waiving the right of the accused to appellate re-  
23 view by the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed  
24 Forces under section 950f(a) of this title of the final deci-  
25 sion of the military commission under this chapter.

1           “(2) A waiver under paragraph (1) shall be signed  
2 by both the accused and a defense counsel.

3           “(3) A waiver under paragraph (1) must be filed, if  
4 at all, within 10 days after notice of the action is served  
5 on the accused or on defense counsel under section  
6 950b(c)(4) of this title. The convening authority, for good  
7 cause, may extend the period for such filing by not more  
8 than 30 days.

9           “(b) WITHDRAWAL OF APPEAL.—Except in a case in  
10 which the sentence as approved under section 950b of this  
11 title extends to death, the accused may withdraw an ap-  
12 peal at any time.

13           “(c) EFFECT OF WAIVER OR WITHDRAWAL.—A  
14 waiver of the right to appellate review or the withdrawal  
15 of an appeal under this section bars review under section  
16 950f of this title.

17 **“§ 950d. Appeal by the United States**

18           “(a) INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL.—(1) Except as pro-  
19 vided in paragraph (2), in a trial by military commission  
20 under this chapter, the United States may take an inter-  
21 locutory appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for  
22 the Armed Forces under section 950f of this title of any  
23 order or ruling of the military judge that—

24                   “(A) terminates proceedings of the military  
25 commission with respect to a charge or specification;

1           “(B) excludes evidence that is substantial proof  
2           of a fact material in the proceeding; or

3           “(C) relates to a matter under subsection (c) or  
4           (d) of section 949d of this title.

5           “(2) The United States may not appeal under para-  
6 graph (1) an order or ruling that is, or amounts to, a find-  
7 ing of not guilty by the military commission with respect  
8 to a charge or specification.

9           “(b) NOTICE OF APPEAL.—The United States shall  
10 take an appeal of an order or ruling under subsection (a)  
11 by filing a notice of appeal with the military judge within  
12 five days after the date of the order or ruling.

13           “(c) APPEAL.—An appeal under this section shall be  
14 forwarded, by means specified in regulations prescribed  
15 the Secretary of Defense, directly to the United States  
16 Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. In ruling on an  
17 appeal under this section, the Court may act only with  
18 respect to matters of law.

19           **“§ 950e. Rehearings**

20           “(a) COMPOSITION OF MILITARY COMMISSION FOR  
21 REHEARING.—Each rehearing under this chapter shall  
22 take place before a military commission under this chapter  
23 composed of members who were not members of the mili-  
24 tary commission which first heard the case.





1 visions of this subsection, the United States Court of Ap-  
2 peals for the Armed Forces shall have exclusive jurisdic-  
3 tion to determine the final validity of any judgment ren-  
4 dered by a military commission under this chapter.

5 “(2) The United States Court of Appeals for the  
6 Armed Forces may not determine the final validity of a  
7 judgment of a military commission under this subsection  
8 until all other appeals from the judgment under this chap-  
9 ter have been waived or exhausted.

10 “(3)(A) An accused may seek a determination by the  
11 United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces of  
12 the final validity of the judgment of the military commis-  
13 sion under this subsection only upon petition to the Court  
14 for such determination.

15 “(B) A petition on a judgment under subparagraph  
16 (A) shall be filed by the accused in the Court not later  
17 than 20 days after the earlier of—

18 “(i) the date written notice of the final decision  
19 of the Court of Military Commission Review on the  
20 judgment is served on the accused or defense coun-  
21 sel; or

22 “(ii) the date the accused submits, in the man-  
23 ner required by section 950e of this title, written  
24 statement waiving the right to appeal under section  
25 950f of this title.

1           “(4) The determination by the United States Court  
2 of Appeals for the Armed Forces of the final validity of  
3 a judgment of a military commission under this subsection  
4 shall be governed by the provisions of section 1005(e)(3)  
5 of the Detainee Treatment Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 801  
6 note).

7           “(b) REVIEW BY SUPREME COURT.—The Supreme  
8 Court of the United States may review by writ of certiorari  
9 pursuant to section 1257 of title 28 the final judgment  
10 of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed  
11 Forces in a determination under subsection (a).

12 **“§ 950g. Appellate counsel**

13           “(a) APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary of Defense  
14 shall, by regulation, establish procedures for the appoint-  
15 ment of appellate counsel for the United States and for  
16 the accused in military commissions under this chapter.  
17 Appellate counsel shall meet the qualifications of counsel  
18 for appearing before military commissions under this  
19 chapter.

20           “(b) REPRESENTATION OF UNITED STATES.—Appel-  
21 late counsel may represent the United States in any ap-  
22 peal or review proceeding under this chapter. Appellate  
23 Government counsel may represent the United States be-  
24 fore the Supreme Court in case arising under this chapter  
25 when requested to do so by the Attorney General.



1 the Armed Forces has expired and the accused has  
2 not filed a timely petition for such review and the  
3 case is not otherwise under review by the Court; or  
4 “(B) review is completed in accordance with the  
5 judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for  
6 the Armed Forces and (A) a petition for a writ of  
7 certiorari is not timely filed, (B) such a petition is  
8 denied by the Supreme Court, or (C) review is other-  
9 wise completed in accordance with the judgment of  
10 the Supreme Court.

11 “(c) **SUSPENSION OF SENTENCE.**—The Secretary of  
12 the Defense, or the convening authority acting on the case  
13 (if other than the Secretary), may suspend the execution  
14 of any sentence or part thereof in the case, except a sen-  
15 tence of death.

16 **“§ 950i. Finality of proceedings, findings, and sen-  
17 tences**

18 “(a) **FINALITY.**—The appellate review of records of  
19 trial provided by this chapter, and the proceedings, find-  
20 ings, and sentences of military commissions as approved,  
21 reviewed, or affirmed as required by this chapter, are final  
22 and conclusive. Orders publishing the proceedings of mili-  
23 tary commissions under this chapter are binding upon all  
24 departments, courts, agencies, and officers of the United  
25 States, except as otherwise provided by the President.

1           “(b) PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER SOLE BASIS FOR RE-  
2 VIEW OF MILITARY COMMISSION PROCEDURES AND AC-  
3 TIONS.—Except as otherwise provided in this chapter and  
4 notwithstanding any other provision of law (including sec-  
5 tion 2241 of title 28 or any other habeas corpus provi-  
6 sion), no court, justice, or judge shall have jurisdiction to  
7 hear or consider any claim or cause of action whatsoever,  
8 including any action pending on or filed after the date of  
9 enactment of this chapter, relating to the prosecution,  
10 trial, or judgment of a military commission under this  
11 chapter, including challenges to the lawfulness of proce-  
12 dures of military commissions under this chapter.

13           “SUBCHAPTER VII—PUNITIVE MATTERS

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1 **“§ 950aa. Definitions; construction of certain offenses;**

2 **common circumstances**

3 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this subchapter:

4 “(1) The term ‘military objective’ means com-  
5 batants and those objects during an armed conflict  
6 which, by their nature, location, purpose, or use, ef-  
7 fectively contribute to the war-fighting or war-sus-  
8 taining capability of an opposing force and whose  
9 total or partial destruction, capture, or neutraliza-  
10 tion would constitute a definite military advantage  
11 to the attacker under the circumstances at the time  
12 of an attack.

13 “(2) The term ‘protected person’ means any  
14 person entitled to protection under one or more of  
15 the Geneva Conventions, including civilians not tak-  
16 ing an active part in hostilities, military personnel  
17 placed out of combat by sickness, wounds, or deten-  
18 tion, and military medical or religious personnel.

19 “(3) The term ‘protected property’ means any  
20 property specifically protected by the law of war, in-

1 including buildings dedicated to religion, education,  
2 art, science, or charitable purposes, historic monu-  
3 ments, hospitals, and places where the sick and  
4 wounded are collected, but only if and to the extent  
5 such property is not being used for military purposes  
6 or is not otherwise a military objective. The term in-  
7 cludes objects properly identified by one of the dis-  
8 tinctive emblems of the Geneva Conventions, but  
9 does not include civilian property that is a military  
10 objective.

11 “(b) CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN OFFENSES.—The  
12 intent required for offenses under sections 950hh, 950ii,  
13 950jj, 950kk, and 950ss of this title precludes their appli-  
14 cability with regard to collateral damage or to death, dam-  
15 age, or injury incident to a lawful attack.

16 “(c) COMMON CIRCUMSTANCES.—An offense speci-  
17 fied in this subchapter is triable by military commission  
18 under this chapter only if the offense is committed in the  
19 context of and associated with armed conflict.

20 **“§ 950bb. Principals**

21 “Any person punishable under this chapter who—

22 “(1) commits an offense punishable by this  
23 chapter, or aids, abets, counsels, commands, or pro-  
24 cures its commission; or



1           “(2) causes an act to be done which if directly  
2           performed by him would be punishable by this chap-  
3           ter,  
4 is a principal.

5 **“§ 950cc. Accessory after the fact**

6           “Any person subject to this chapter who, knowing  
7 that an offense punishable by this chapter has been com-  
8 mitted, receives, comforts, or assists the offender in order  
9 to hinder or prevent his apprehension, trial, or punishment  
10 shall be punished as a military commission under this  
11 chapter may direct.

12 **“§ 950dd. Conviction of lesser offenses**

13           “An accused may be found guilty of an offense nec-  
14 essarily included in the offense charged or of an attempt  
15 to commit either the offense charged or an attempt to  
16 commit either the offense charged or an offense nec-  
17 essarily included therein.

18 **“§ 950ee. Attempts**

19           “(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person subject to this chap-  
20 ter who attempts to commit any offense punishable by this  
21 chapter shall be punished as a military commission under  
22 this chapter may direct.

23           “(b) SCOPE OF OFFENSE.—An act, done with spe-  
24 cific intent to commit an offense under this chapter,  
25 amounting to more than mere preparation and tending,

1 even though failing, to effect its commission, is an attempt  
2 to commit that offense.

3 “(c) EFFECT OF CONSUMMATION.—Any person sub-  
4 ject to this chapter may be convicted of an attempt to com-  
5 mit an offense although it appears on the trial that the  
6 offense was consummated.

7 **“§ 950ff. Conspiracy**

8 “Any person subject to this chapter who conspires to  
9 commit one or more substantive offenses triable by mili-  
10 tary commission under this subchapter, and who know-  
11 ingly does any overt act to effect the object of the con-  
12 spiracy, shall be punished, if death results to one or more  
13 of the victims, by death or such other punishment as a  
14 military commission under this chapter may direct, and,  
15 if death does not result to any of the victims, by such pun-  
16 ishment, other than death, as a military commission under  
17 this chapter may direct.

18 **“§ 950gg. Solicitation**

19 “Any person subject to this chapter who solicits or  
20 advises another or others to commit one or more sub-  
21 stantive offenses triable by military commission under this  
22 chapter shall, if the offense solicited or advised is at-  
23 tempted or committed, be punished with the punishment  
24 provided for the commission of the offense, but, if the of-  
25 fense solicited or advised is not committed or attempted,

1 he shall be punished as a military commission under this  
2 chapter may direct.

3 **“§ 950hh. Murder of protected persons**

4 “Any person subject to this chapter who intentionally  
5 kills one or more protected persons shall be punished by  
6 death or such other punishment as a military commission  
7 under this chapter may direct.

8 **“§ 950ii. Attacking civilians**

9 “Any person subject to this chapter who intentionally  
10 engages in an attack upon a civilian population as such,  
11 or individual civilians not taking active part in hostilities,  
12 shall be punished, if death results to one or more of the  
13 victims, by death or such other punishment as a military  
14 commission under this chapter may direct, and, if death  
15 does not result to any of the victims, by such punishment,  
16 other than death, as a military commission under this  
17 chapter may direct.

18 **“§ 950jj. Attacking civilian objects**

19 “Any person subject to this chapter who intentionally  
20 engages in an attack upon a civilian object that is not a  
21 military objective shall be punished as a military commis-  
22 sion under this chapter may direct.

23 **“§ 950kk. Attacking protected property**

24 “Any person subject to this chapter who intentionally  
25 engages in an attack upon protected property shall be pun-

1 ished as a military commission under this chapter may  
2 direct.

3 **“§ 950ll. Pillaging**

4 “Any person subject to this chapter who intentionally  
5 and in the absence of military necessity appropriates or  
6 seizes property for private or personal use, without the  
7 consent of a person with authority to permit such appro-  
8 priation or seizure, shall be punished as a military com-  
9 mission under this chapter may direct.

10 **“§ 950mm. Denying quarter**

11 “Any person subject to this chapter who, with effec-  
12 tive command or control over subordinate groups, de-  
13 clares, orders, or otherwise indicates to those groups that  
14 there shall be no survivors or surrender accepted, with the  
15 intent to threaten an adversary or to conduct hostilities  
16 such that there would be no survivors or surrender accept-  
17 ed, shall be punished as a military commission under this  
18 chapter may direct.

19 **“§ 950nn. Taking hostages**

20 “Any person subject to this chapter who, having  
21 knowingly seized or detained one or more persons, threat-  
22 ens to kill, injure, or continue to detain such person or  
23 persons with the intent of compelling any nation, person  
24 other than the hostage, or group of persons to act or re-  
25 frain from acting as an explicit or implicit condition for

1 the safety or release of such person or persons, shall be  
2 punished, if death results to one or more of the victims,  
3 by death or such other punishment as a military commis-  
4 sion under this chapter may direct, and, if death does not  
5 result to any of the victims, by such punishment, other  
6 than death, as a military commission under this chapter  
7 may direct.

8 **“§ 950oo. Employing poison or similar weapons**

9 “Any person subject to this chapter who inten-  
10 tionally, as a method of warfare, employs a substance or  
11 weapon that releases a substance that causes death or se-  
12 rious and lasting damage to health in the ordinary course  
13 of events, through its asphyxiating, bacteriological, or  
14 toxic properties, shall be punished, if death results to one  
15 or more of the victims, by death or such other punishment  
16 as a military commission under this chapter may direct,  
17 and, if death does not result to any of the victims, by such  
18 punishment, other than death, as a military commission  
19 under this chapter may direct.

20 **“§ 950pp. Using protected persons as a shield**

21 “Any person subject to this chapter who positions,  
22 or otherwise takes advantage of, a protected person with  
23 the intent to shield a military objective from attack. or  
24 to shield, favor, or impede military operations, shall be  
25 punished, if death results to one or more of the victims,

1 by death or such other punishment as a military commis-  
2 sion under this chapter may direct, and, if death does not  
3 result to any of the victims, by such punishment, other  
4 than death, as a military commission under this chapter  
5 may direct.

6 **“§ 950qq. Using protected property as a shield**

7 “Any person subject to this chapter who positions,  
8 or otherwise takes advantage of the location of, protected  
9 property with the intent to shield a military objective from  
10 attack, or to shield, favor, or impede military operations,  
11 shall be punished as a military commission under this  
12 chapter may direct.

13 **“§ 950rr. Torture**

14 “(a) OFFENSE.—Any person subject to this chapter  
15 who commits an act specifically intended to inflict severe  
16 physical or mental pain or suffering (other than pain or  
17 suffering incidental to lawful sanctions) upon another per-  
18 son within his custody or physical control for the purpose  
19 of obtaining information or a confession, punishment, in-  
20 timidation, coercion, or any reason based on discrimina-  
21 tion of any kind, shall be punished, if death results to one  
22 or more of the victims, by death or such other punishment  
23 as a military commission under this chapter may direct,  
24 and, if death does not result to any of the victims, by such

1 punishment, other than death, as a military commission  
2 under this chapter may direct.

3 “(b) SEVERE MENTAL PAIN OR SUFFERING DE-  
4 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘severe mental pain or  
5 suffering’ has the meaning given that term in section  
6 2340(2) of title 18.

7 **“§ 950ss. Cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or**  
8 **punishment**

9 “(a) OFFENSE.—Any person subject to this chapter  
10 who subjects another person, regardless of nationality or  
11 physical location, to cruel, inhuman, or degrading treat-  
12 ment or punishment shall be punished, if death results to  
13 the victim, by death or such other punishment as a mili-  
14 tary commission under this chapter may direct, and, if  
15 death does not result to the victim, by such punishment,  
16 other than death, as a military commission under this  
17 chapter may direct.

18 “(b) CRUEL, INHUMAN, OR DEGRADING TREATMENT  
19 OR PUNISHMENT DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
20 ‘cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment’  
21 has the meaning given that term in section 1003(d) of  
22 the Detainee Treatment Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C.  
23 2000dd(d)).

1 **“§ 950tt. Intentionally causing serious bodily injury**

2 “(a) OFFENSE.—Any person subject to this chapter  
3 who intentionally causes serious bodily injury to one or  
4 more persons, including lawful combatants, in violation of  
5 the law of war shall be punished, if death results to one  
6 or more of the victims, by death or such other punishment  
7 as a military commission under this chapter may direct,  
8 and, if death does not result to any of the victims, by such  
9 punishment, other than death, as a military commission  
10 under this chapter may direct.

11 “(b) SERIOUS BODILY INJURY DEFINED.—In this  
12 section, the term ‘serious bodily injury’ means bodily in-  
13 jury which involves—

14 “(1) a substantial risk of death;

15 “(2) extreme physical pain;

16 “(3) protracted and obvious disfigurement; or

17 “(4) protracted loss or impairment of the func-  
18 tion of a bodily member, organ, or mental faculty.

19 **“§ 950uu. Mutilating or maiming**

20 “Any person subject to this chapter who intentionally  
21 injures one or more protected persons by disfiguring the  
22 person or persons by any mutilation of the person or per-  
23 sons, or by permanently disabling any member, limb, or  
24 organ of the body of the person or persons, without any  
25 legitimate medical or dental purpose, shall be punished,  
26 if death results to one or more of the victims, by death



1 or such other punishment as a military commission under  
2 this chapter may direct, and, if death does not result to  
3 any of the victims, by such punishment, other than death,  
4 as a military commission under this chapter may direct.

5 **“§ 950vv. Murder in violation of the law of war**

6 “Any person subject to this chapter who intentionally  
7 kills one or more persons, including lawful combatants, in  
8 violation of the law of war shall be punished by death or  
9 such other punishment as a military commission under  
10 this chapter may direct.

11 **“§ 950ww. Destruction of property in violation of the**  
12 **law of war**

13 “Any person subject to this chapter who intentionally  
14 destroys property belonging to another person in violation  
15 of the law of war shall be punished as a military commission  
16 under this chapter may direct.

17 **“§ 950xx. Using treachery or perfidy**

18 “Any person subject to this chapter who, after invit-  
19 ing the confidence or belief of one or more persons that  
20 they were entitled to, or obliged to accord, protection  
21 under the law of war, intentionally makes use of that con-  
22 fidence or belief in killing, injuring, or capturing such per-  
23 son or persons shall be punished, if death results to one  
24 or more of the victims, by death or such other punishment  
25 as a military commission under this chapter may direct,

1 and, if death does not result to any of the victims, by such  
2 punishment, other than death, as a military commission  
3 under this chapter may direct.

4 **“§ 950yy. Improperly using a flag of truce**

5 “Any person subject to this chapter who uses a flag  
6 of truce to feign an intention to negotiate, surrender, or  
7 otherwise suspend hostilities when there is no such inten-  
8 tion shall be punished as a military commission under this  
9 chapter may direct.

10 **“§ 950zz. Improperly using a distinctive emblem**

11 “Any person subject to this chapter who intentionally  
12 uses a distinctive emblem recognized by the law of war  
13 for combatant purposes in a manner prohibited by the law  
14 of war shall be punished as a military commission under  
15 this chapter may direct.

16 **“§ 950aaa. Intentionally mistreating a dead body**

17 “Any person subject to this chapter who intentionally  
18 mistreats the body of a dead person, without justification  
19 by legitimate military necessary, shall be punished as a  
20 military commission under this chapter may direct.

21 **“§ 950bbb. Rape**

22 “Any person subject to this chapter who forcibly or  
23 with coercion or threat of force wrongfully invades the  
24 body of a person by penetrating, however slightly, the anal  
25 or genital opening of the victim with any part of the body

1 of the accused, or with any foreign object, shall be pun-  
2 ished as a military commission under this chapter may  
3 direct.

4 **“§ 950ccc. Hijacking or hazarding a vessel or aircraft**

5 “Any person subject to this chapter who intentionally  
6 seizes, exercises unauthorized control over, or endangers  
7 the safe navigation of a vessel or aircraft that is not a  
8 legitimate military objective shall be punished, if death re-  
9 sults to one or more of the victims, by death or such other  
10 punishment as a military commission under this chapter  
11 may direct, and, if death does not result to any of the  
12 victims, by such punishment, other than death, as a mili-  
13 tary commission under this chapter may direct.

14 **“§ 950ddd. Terrorism**

15 “Any person subject to this chapter who intentionally  
16 kills or inflicts great bodily harm on one or more protected  
17 persons, or intentionally engages in an act that evinces  
18 a wanton disregard for human life, in a manner calculated  
19 to influence or affect the conduct of government or civilian  
20 population by intimidation or coercion, or to retaliate  
21 against government conduct, shall be punished, if death  
22 results to one or more of the victims, by death or such  
23 other punishment as a military commission under this  
24 chapter may direct, and, if death does not result to any

1 of the victims, by such punishment, other than death, as  
2 a military commission under this chapter may direct.

3 **“§ 950eee. Providing material support for terrorism**

4 “(a) OFFENSE.—Any person subject to this chapter  
5 who provides material support or resources, knowing or  
6 intending that they are to be used in preparation for, or  
7 in carrying out, an act of terrorism (as set forth in section  
8 950ddd of this title), or who intentionally provides mate-  
9 rial support or resources to an international terrorist orga-  
10 nization engaged in hostilities against the United States,  
11 knowing that such organization has engaged or engages  
12 in terrorism (as so set forth), shall be punished as a mili-  
13 tary commission under this chapter may direct.

14 “(b) MATERIAL SUPPORT OR RESOURCES DE-  
15 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘material support or re-  
16 sources’ has the meaning given that term in section  
17 2339A(b) of title 18.

18 **“§ 950fff. Wrongfully aiding the enemy**

19 “Any person subject to this chapter who, in breach  
20 of an allegiance or duty to the United States, knowingly  
21 and intentionally aids an enemy of the United States, or  
22 one of the co-belligerents of the enemy, shall be punished  
23 as a military commission under this chapter may direct.

1 **“§ 950ggg. Spying**

2 “Any person subject to this chapter who, in violation  
3 of the law of war and with intent or reason to believe that  
4 it is to be used to the injury of the United States or to  
5 the advantage of a foreign power, collects or attempts to  
6 collect information by clandestine means or while acting  
7 under false pretenses, for the purpose of conveying such  
8 information to an enemy of the United States, or one of  
9 the co-belligerents of the enemy, shall be punished by  
10 death or such other punishment as a military commission  
11 under this chapter may direct.

12 **“§ 950hhh. Contempt**

13 “A military commission under this chapter may pun-  
14 ish for contempt any person who uses any menacing word,  
15 sign, or gesture in its presence, or who disturbs its pro-  
16 ceedings by any riot or disorder.

17 **“§ 950iii. Perjury and obstruction of justice**

18 “A military commission under this chapter may try  
19 offenses and impose such punishment as the military com-  
20 mission may direct for perjury, false testimony, or ob-  
21 struction of justice related to the military commission.”.

22 (2) TABLES OF CHAPTERS AMENDMENTS.—The  
23 tables of chapters at the beginning of subtitle A and  
24 part II of subtitle A of title 10, United States Code,

1           are each amended by inserting after the item relat-  
2           ing to chapter 47 the following new item:

          “Chapter 47A. Military Commissions ..... 948a”.

3           (b) SUBMITTAL OF PROCEDURES TO CONGRESS.—

4                 (1) SUBMITTAL OF PROCEDURES.—Not later  
5           than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this  
6           Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the  
7           Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and  
8           the House of Representatives a report setting forth  
9           the procedures for military commissions prescribed  
10          under chapter 47A of title 10, United States Code  
11          (as added by subsection (a)).

12                (2) SUBMITTAL OF MODIFICATIONS.—Not later  
13          than 60 days before the date on which any proposed  
14          modification of the procedures described in para-  
15          graph (1) shall go into effect, the Secretary shall  
16          submit to the committees of Congress referred to in  
17          that paragraph a report describing such modifica-  
18          tion.

19   **SEC. 5. AMENDMENTS TO OTHER LAWS.**

20           (a) DETAINEE TREATMENT ACT OF 2005.—Section  
21   1004(b) of the Detainee Treatment Act of 2005 (title X  
22   of Public Law 109–148; 119 Stat. 2740; 42 U.S.C.  
23   200dd–1(b)) is amended—

24                 (1) by striking “may provide” and inserting  
25           “shall provide”;

1           (2) by inserting “or investigation” after “crimi-  
2           nal prosecution”; and

3           (3) by inserting “whether before United States  
4           courts or agencies, foreign courts or agencies, or  
5           international courts or agencies,” after “described in  
6           that subsection,”.

7           (b) UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.—Chap-  
8           ter 47 of title, 10, United States Code (the Uniform Code  
9           of Military Justice), is amended as follows:

10           (1) Section 802 (article 2 of the Uniform Code  
11           of Military Justice) is amended by adding at the end  
12           the following new paragraph:

13           “(13) Lawful enemy combatants (as that term  
14           is defined in section 948a(3) of this title) who vio-  
15           late the law of war.”.

16           (2) Section 821 (article 21 of the Uniform Code  
17           of Military Justice) is amended by striking “by stat-  
18           ute or law of war”.

19           (3) Section 836(a) (article 36(a) of the Uniform  
20           Code of Military Justice) is amended by inserting  
21           “(other than military commissions under chapter  
22           47A of this title)” after “other military tribunals”.

23           (c) PUNITIVE ARTICLE OF CONSPIRACY.—Section  
24           881 of title 10, United States Code (article 81 of the Uni-  
25           form Code of Military Justice)), is amended—

1 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “Any person”; and

2 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
3 section:

4 “(b) Any person subject to this chapter or chapter  
5 47A of this title who conspires with any other person to  
6 commit an offense under the law of war, and who know-  
7 ingly does an overt act to effect the object of the con-  
8 spiracy, shall be punished, if death results to one or more  
9 of the victims, by death or such other punishment as a  
10 court-martial or military commission may direct, and, if  
11 death does not result to any of the victims, by such pun-  
12 ishment, other than death, as a court-martial or military  
13 commission may direct.”.

14 (d) REVIEW OF JUDGMENTS OF MILITARY COMMIS-  
15 SIONS.—

16 (1) REVIEW BY SUPREME COURT.—Section  
17 1259 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by  
18 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

19 “(5) Cases tried by military commission and re-  
20 viewed by the United States Court of Appeals for  
21 the Armed Forces under section 950f of title 10.”.

22 (2) DETAINEE TREATMENT ACT OF 2005.—Sec-  
23 tion 1005(e) of the Detainee Treatment Act of 2005  
24 (title X of Public Law 109–148; 119 Stat. 2740; 10  
25 U.S.C. 801 note) is amended—



1 (A) in paragraphs (3) and (4), by striking  
2 “United States Court of Appeals for the Dis-  
3 trict of Columbia Circuit” each place it appears  
4 and inserting “United States Court of Appeals  
5 for the Armed Forces”; and

6 (B) in paragraph (3)—

7 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
8 “pursuant to Military Commission Order  
9 No. 1. dated August 31, 2005 (or any suc-  
10 cessor military order)” and inserting “by a  
11 military commission under chapter 47A of  
12 title 10, United States Code”;

13 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and  
14 inserting the following new subparagraph  
15 (B):

16 “(ii) GRANT OF REVIEW.—Review  
17 under this paragraph shall be as of right.”;

18 (iii) in subparagraph (C)—

19 (I) in clause (i)—

20 (aa) by striking “pursuant  
21 to the military order” and insert-  
22 ing “by a military commission”;  
23 and

24 (bb) by striking “at Guanta-  
25 namo Bay, Cuba”; and

1 (II) in clause (ii), by striking  
2 “pursuant to such military order” and  
3 inserting “by the military commis-  
4 sion”; and  
5 (iv) in subparagraph (D)(i), by strik-  
6 ing “specified in the military order” and  
7 inserting “specified for a military commis-  
8 sion”.

9 **SEC. 6. HABEAS CORPUS MATTERS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2241 of title 28, United  
11 States Code, is amended—

12 (1) by striking subsection (e) (as added by sec-  
13 tion 1005(e)(1) of Public Law 109–148 (119 Stat.  
14 2742)) and by striking subsection (e) (as added by  
15 added by section 1405(e)(1) of Public Law 109–163  
16 (119 Stat. 3477)); and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
18 section:

19 “(e)(1) No court, justice, or judge shall have jurisdic-  
20 tion to hear or consider an application for a writ of habeas  
21 corpus filed by or on behalf of an alien detained outside  
22 of the United States who—

23 “(A) is currently in United States custody; or

1           “(B) has been determined by the United States  
2           to have been properly detained as an enemy combat-  
3           ant.

4           “(2) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3)  
5 of section 1005(e) of the Detainee Treatment Act of 2005  
6 (10 U.S.C. 801 note), no court, justice, or judge shall have  
7 jurisdiction to hear or consider any other action against  
8 the United States or its agents relating to any aspect of  
9 the detention, treatment, or trial of an alien detained out-  
10 side of the United States who—

11           “(A) is currently in United States custody; or

12           “(B) has been determined by the United States  
13           to have been properly detained as an enemy combat-  
14           ant.

15           “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘United States’,  
16 when used in a geographic sense, has the meaning given  
17 that term in section 1005(g) of the Detainee Treatment  
18 Act of 2005.”.

19           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
20 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-  
21 ment of this Act, and shall apply to all cases, without ex-  
22 ception, pending on or after the date of the enactment of  
23 this Act which relate to any aspect of the detention, treat-  
24 ment, or trial of an alien detained outside the United  
25 States (as that term is defined in section 2241(e)(3) of



1           (3) the Convention Relative to the Treatment of  
2           Prisoners of War, done at Geneva August 12, 1949  
3           (6 UST 3316); and

4           (4) the Convention Relative to the Protection of  
5           Civilian Persons in Time of War, done at Geneva  
6           August 12, 1949 (6 UST 3516).

7 **SEC. 8. REVISION TO WAR CRIMES OFFENSE UNDER FED-**  
8 **ERAL CRIMINAL CODE.**

9           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2441 of title 18, United  
10 States Code, is amended—

11           (1) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (3)  
12           and inserting the following new paragraph (3):

13           “(3) which constitutes a grave breach of com-  
14           mon Article 3 (as defined in subsection (d)) when  
15           committed in the context of and in association with  
16           an armed conflict not of an international character;  
17           or”;

18           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
19           section:

20           “(d) COMMON ARTICLE 3 VIOLATIONS.—

21           “(1) GRAVE BREACH OF COMMON ARTICLE 3.—  
22           In subsection (c)(3), the term ‘grave breach of com-  
23           mon Article 3’ means any conduct (such conduct  
24           constituting a grave breach of common Article 3 of

1 the international conventions done at Geneva August  
2 12, 1949), as follows:

3 “(A) TORTURE.—The act of a person who  
4 commits, or conspires or attempts to commit,  
5 an act specifically intended to inflict severe  
6 physical or mental pain or suffering (other than  
7 pain or suffering incidental to lawful sanctions)  
8 upon another person within his custody or  
9 physical control for the purpose of obtaining in-  
10 formation or a confession, punishment, intimi-  
11 dation, coercion, or any reason based on dis-  
12 crimination of any kind.

13 “(B) CRUEL, INHUMAN, OR DEGRADING  
14 TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT.—The act of a  
15 person who subjects another person in the cus-  
16 tody or under the control of the United States  
17 Government, regardless of nationality or phys-  
18 ical location, to cruel, inhuman, or degrading  
19 treatment or punishment.

20 “(C) PERFORMING BIOLOGICAL EXPERI-  
21 MENTS.—The act of a person who subjects, or  
22 conspires or attempts to subject, one or more  
23 persons within his custody or physical control to  
24 biological experiments without a legitimate med-  
25 ical or dental purpose and in so doing endan-

1           gers the body or health of such person or per-  
2           sons.

3           “(D) MURDER.—The act of a person who  
4           intentionally kills, or conspires or attempts to  
5           kill, or kills whether intentionally or uninten-  
6           tionally in the course of committing any other  
7           offense under this section, one or more persons  
8           taking no active part in hostilities, including  
9           those placed out of active combat by sickness,  
10          wounds, detention, or any other cause.

11          “(E) MUTILATION OR MAIMING.—The act  
12          of a person who intentionally injures, or con-  
13          spires or attempts to injure, or injures whether  
14          intentionally or unintentionally in the course of  
15          committing any other offense under this sec-  
16          tion, one or more persons taking no active part  
17          in hostilities, including those placed out of ac-  
18          tive combat by sickness, wounds, detention, or  
19          any other cause, by disfiguring such person or  
20          persons by any mutilation thereof or by perma-  
21          nently disabling any member, limb, or organ of  
22          the body of such person or persons, without any  
23          legitimate medical or dental purpose.

24          “(F) INTENTIONALLY CAUSING SERIOUS  
25          BODILY INJURY.—The act of a person who in-

1           tentionally causes, or conspires or attempts to  
2           cause, serious bodily injury to one or more per-  
3           sons, including lawful combatants, in violation  
4           of the law of war.

5           “(G) RAPE.—The act of a person who  
6           forcibly or with coercion or threat of force  
7           wrongfully invades, or conspires or attempts to  
8           invade, the body of a person by penetrating,  
9           however slightly, the anal or genital opening of  
10          the victim with any part of the body of the ac-  
11          cused, or with any foreign object.

12          “(H) SEXUAL ASSAULT OR ABUSE.—The  
13          act of person who forcibly or with coercion or  
14          threat of force engages, or conspires or at-  
15          tempts to engage, in sexual contact with one or  
16          more persons, or causes, or conspires or at-  
17          tempts to cause, one or more persons to engage  
18          in sexual contact.

19          “(I) TAKING HOSTAGES.—The act of a  
20          person who, having knowingly seized or de-  
21          tained one or more persons, threatens to kill,  
22          injure, or continue to detain such person or per-  
23          sons with the intent of compelling any nation,  
24          person other than the hostage, or group of per-  
25          sons to act or refrain from acting as an explicit



1           or implicit condition for the safety or release of  
2           such person or persons.

3           “(2) DEFINITIONS.—In the case of an offense  
4           under subsection (a) by reason of subsection  
5           (c)(3)—

6                   “(A) the term ‘severe mental pain or suf-  
7                   fering’ shall be applied for purposes of para-  
8                   graph (1)(A) in accordance with the meaning  
9                   given that term in section 2340(2) of this title;

10                   “(B) the term ‘cruel, inhuman, or degrad-  
11                   ing treatment or punishment’ shall be applied  
12                   for purposes of paragraph (1)(B) in accordance  
13                   with the meaning given that term in section  
14                   1003(d) of the Detainee Treatment Act of 2005  
15                   (42 U.S.C. 2000dd(d));

16                   “(C) the term ‘serious bodily injury’ shall  
17                   be applied for purposes of paragraph (1)(F) in  
18                   accordance with the meaning given that term in  
19                   section 113(b)(2) of this title; and

20                   “(D) the term ‘sexual contact’ shall be ap-  
21                   plied for purposes of paragraph (1)(G) in ac-  
22                   cordance with the meaning given that term in  
23                   section 2246(3) of this title.

24           “(3) INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS  
25           WITH RESPECT TO COLLATERAL DAMAGE OR INCI-

1        DENT OF LAWFUL ATTACK.—The intent specified for  
2        the conduct stated in subparagraphs (D), (E), and  
3        (F) of paragraph (1) precludes the applicability of  
4        those subparagraphs to an offense under subsection  
5        (a) by reasons of subsection (c)(3) with respect to—

6                    “(A) collateral damage; or

7                    “(B) death, damage, or injury incident to  
8                    a lawful attack.

9                    “(4) INAPPLICABILITY OF TAKING HOSTAGES  
10        TO PRISONER EXCHANGE.—Paragraph (1)(I) does  
11        not apply to an offense under subsection (a) by rea-  
12        son of subsection (c)(3) in the case of a prisoner ex-  
13        change during wartime.”.

14        (b) PROTECTION OF CERTAIN UNITED STATES GOV-  
15        ERNMENT PERSONNEL.—Such section is further amended  
16        by adding at the end the following new subsection:

17                    “(e) PROTECTION OF CERTAIN UNITED STATES  
18        GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL.—The provisions of section  
19        1004 of the Detainee Treatment Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C.  
20        2000dd–1) shall apply with respect to any criminal pros-  
21        ecution relating to the detention and interrogation of indi-  
22        viduals described in such provisions that is grounded in  
23        an offense under subsection (a) by reason of subsection  
24        (c)(3) with respect to actions occurring between Sep-  
25        tember 11, 2001, and December 30, 2005.”.

1 **SEC. 9. DETENTION COVERED BY REVIEW OF DECISIONS**  
2 **OF COMBATANT STATUS REVIEW TRIBUNALS**  
3 **OF PROPRIETY OF DETENTION.**

4 Section 1005(e)(2)(B)(i) of the Detainee Treatment  
5 Act of 2005 (title X of Public Law 109–148; 119 Stat.  
6 2742; 10 U.S.C. 801 note) is amended by striking “the  
7 Department of Defense at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba” and  
8 inserting “the United States”.

9 **SEC. 10. SEVERABILITY.**

10 If any provision of this Act or amendment made by  
11 a provision of this Act, or the application of such provision  
12 or amendment to any person or circumstance, is held to  
13 be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act and the  
14 amendments made by this Act, and the application of such  
15 provisions and amendments to any other person or cir-  
16 cumstance, shall not be affected thereby.