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Dear Attorney Kebriaei:

SUBJECT: FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT CLAIM ON BEHALF OF TALAH AL-ZAHRANI; OUR FILE NO. J081788

This responds to the above captioned claim filed in the amount of \$5,000,000 against the Department of Defense pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA), 28 U.S.C. § 1346, 2671-2680. The claim arises from the June 10, 2006 death of Yasser Al-Zahrani, occurring at the United States Naval Station at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, while he was detained as an enemy combatant.

The FTCA provides recovery for torts occurring within the United States. Case law has held that the foreign country exception to the FTCA, 28 U.S.C. 2680(k), applies to claims arising at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. See Bird v. United States, 923 F. Supp. 338 (D. Conn. 1996); Colon v. United States, 1982 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16071 (S.D.N.Y. 1982). Furthermore, the United States Supreme Court has held that the foreign country exception bars claims in which the harm occurs in a foreign country, regardless of where the alleged act or omission occurred. See Sosa v. Alvarez-Machain, et al., 542 U.S. 692 (2004). Accordingly, this claim is denied.

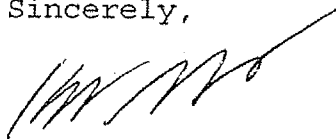
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months of the mailing of this letter. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the undersigned at (757) 444-5341.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KYLE GUESS', written in a cursive style.

KYLE GUESS
Tort Claims Attorney