

...all detainees who were subjected to that practice. (The C.I.A. has denied that Mr. Khan was waterboarded.) As he was moved among a series of C.I.A.-operated "black sites" over the following months, Mr. Khan told his lawyers, the torture continued. He was beaten repeatedly. He was hung naked from a wooden beam for three days, shackled and starved. He was taken down once during that time to be submerged in an ice bath. Interrogators pushed his head under the water until he thought he would drown. He received what he called "violent enemas," and was analy assaulted in a process the interrogators called "rectal feeding."

"I wished they had killed me," Mr. Khan said.

lish a diary recounting his experiences at the camp.

An even fuller accounting of what went on at black sites and Guantánamo could come from transferring cases like Mr. Khan's out of the wholly inadequate military commission system and into the federal courts, which have shown they can successfully prosecute terrorism cases and abide by the Constitution at the same time. Consider the trial of Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, another Guantánamo prisoner who was charged in the 1998 bombings of two American embassies in East Africa. A federal judge threw out key evidence against Mr. Ghailani be-

designed from torture, but the judge sen-

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