

AL-NASHIRI'S SWOLLEN NERVES, THE CIA'S APOLOGY TO ABU ZUBAYDAH

As MadDog pointed out, the latest redactions of the CSRT transcripts are up at ACLU.

Transcript of Khalid Sheikh Muhammad's CSRT (27 page PDF).

Transcript of Al Nashiri's CSRT (39 page PDF).

Transcript of Abu Zubaydah's CSRT (30 page PDF)

Transcript of Majid Khan's CSRT (50 page PDF)

I say "latest redactions" because they really haven't declassified that much—just single lines here and there.

The biggest piece of news, IMO, is Rahim al-Nashiri's description of his swollen nerves.

Before I was arrested I used to be able to run about ten kilometers. Now, I cannot walk for more than ten minutes. My nerves are now swollen in my body. Swollen too.

We've been trying to understand why they only waterboarded al-Nashiri twice—and don't claim it worked with him. These swollen nerves may be a clue. They don't rule out that he suffered other problems—such as a tracheotomy pursuant to some accident during waterboarding—but it does explain one effect his torture had on him.

Otherwise, the biggest news is that our government is now willing to admit they have admitted to being totally wrong about who Abu

Zubaydah was.

They told me sorry we discover that you are not number three, not a partner even not a fighter.

Golly. If only they had read his diary or asked Noor al-Deen, they could have figured that out without waterboarding him 83 times.

If nothing else, though, the re-release of these may get more people to read them. They are fascinating and nauseating narratives, all four of them, so if you haven't already read one or more of them, please take a look.

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