

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 20, 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Transfer of Detainee to Control of the Attorney General

Based on the information available to me, [REDACTED]

I hereby determine that it is in the interest of the United States that Jose Padilla be released from detention by the Secretary of Defense and transferred to the control of the Attorney General for the purpose of criminal proceedings against him.

Accordingly, by the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, I hereby direct you to transfer Mr. Padilla to the control of the Attorney General upon the Attorney General's request. This memorandum supersedes my directive to you of June 9, 2002, and, upon such transfer, your authority to detain Mr. Padilla provided in that order shall cease.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush", is written in a cursive style across the lower right portion of the page.