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**DECLARATION OF YYY, M.D.
CONCERNING LM**

RE: LM
DOS: 10/2/2013

MEDICAL EVALUATION

QUALIFICATIONS:

I, YYY, am a licensed physician in the State of Anystate, currently working as a general internist on the faculty at ZZZ School of Medicine and as an attending physician at NNN Hospital. I am fully trained and board certified in Internal Medicine.

I am a graduate of LLL University School of Medicine, and I received my clinical training as a resident at ZZZ Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.

Since 2007, I have provided medical forensic examinations for asylum seekers referred to me by TTT Law School, The University of VVV School of Law, Physicians for Human Rights and HealthRight International. I have received training from HealthRight International in the evaluation and medical documentation of victims of torture and other human rights abuses.

MEDICAL DECLARATION:

This medical report reflects an interview and examination conducted on 10/2/2013 at NNN School of Medicine, Anytown, Connecticut. At the time of this examination, I reviewed in detail the declaration provided in support of an application for asylum submitted by LM.

It is my impression that the findings of LM's physical examination, as detailed below, support the declaration and information that he has provided to me during his examination.

MEDICAL FINDINGS:

1. LM is seeking political asylum in the United States. He is from XXXX.

2. LM states that he was unlawfully arrested, detained and tortured because of his political beliefs. He also experienced harassment for years because of his political beliefs.
3. LM worked as a money exchanger in XXX. The government of XXX associated money exchangers with support for the rebels in XXX and therefore LM suspects that he was persecuted because of his occupation and the suspicion that this caused in the XXX government.
4. He also belonged to the Union for Democracy and Social progress (UDPS). The UDPS is a political party in XXX that is opposed to the way the government has been run since former President ZZZ took power in the 1960's.
5. LM was harassed for many years by government forces.
6. In January of 2002, he was at his work place and he was arrested.
7. LM stated that a general, along with a few other soldiers, came to his place of work. They began to interrogate him and then grabbed his belt and threw him into the jeep. They drove to a detention facility called YYY. This facility was in a house that was formerly owned by President JJJ's son.
8. When he arrived at this detention center he was taken to the basement. He was detained for 2 days in this detention center.
9. LM reports that the condition in this detention center was inhumane. He was placed in a very small room with a low ceiling with, on average, approximately 20 other people. There were no beds or mattresses and therefore, the detainees were forced to sleep on the floor.
10. LM states that he was forced to wear their underwear. It was extremely hot in this facility. The odor was terrible.
11. LM states that there was a container in the corner of the room which the detainees used to defecate and urinate.
12. LM states that the detainees were given a diet of mainly beans. The food was terrible. They were given tap water.
13. LM states that when he first arrived some of the guards whipped him. This beating did not result in scars.
14. LM states that on the day after he arrived he was interrogated by a man. This man used a threatening tone. This man told LM that he suspected that LM was helping the rebels. LM denied this.
15. LM was not beaten during this interrogation, but he felt threatened throughout the interrogation.

16. On the second day of detention he was released and returned home.
17. LM was arrested for the second time on approximately February 17, 2010. He was detained until approximately March 2, 2010.
18. LM was arrested at his home. LM states that 3 men in civilian clothes came to his home. There was also a driver in the car.
19. LM was taken from his home and placed in a military jeep. LM states that he was driven in the car for approximately 10-20 minutes and arrived at a city called WWW.
20. LM states that he was taken to a detention center. It was a building that had a fence around it.
21. LM states that it looked like an office building, not a jail.
22. LM states that he was placed in a room that was the size of a small bedroom. LM said that there were 14-16 people on average at any time in this room.
23. LM states that people would come and go in the room. Some of the people who were detained would leave the room and never return.
24. LM states that the odor was terrible. The detainees were sweating a lot because it was very hot.
25. LM states that there was a can that kind of looked like an oil can in the corner which the detainees used to defecate and urinate.
26. LM states that it was the duty of each prisoner at different times to dispose of this waste.
27. LM states that the detainees slept on the floor. They did not have mattresses or beds. The conditions were very crowded.
28. LM states that there was an infestation of ants in this room, some of which bit him and caused a very itchy rash on his back.
29. LM states that he and the detainees were served beans and stale bread. They were often very hungry.
30. LM states that he and many of the prisoners were taken to a room where they were interrogated.
31. LM states that his life was threatened during these interrogations.
32. LM states that in this interrogation room there were also other soldiers.

33. LM states that he would be given back his clothing, but then stripped naked again during interrogations. He was told "you are going to die."
34. LM states that at one time during this interrogation a soldier brandished a bayonet, and then cut his right leg, his left buttock and his right foot. From these sharp cuts he began to bleed heavily.
35. LM states a soldier took a plastic bag and lit it. The plastic bag began to melt and the hot plastic dropped on top of his left foot. This caused a severe burn.
36. LM states that for some of these interrogations, some of the other prisoners disappeared. LM says he suspects that some of them were killed.
37. LM states that over the time he was detained for 2 weeks he was tortured numerous times.
38. LM also states that the soldiers ransacked his home.
39. LM states that he believed that once the soldiers found no evidence of tapes or other items they would decide that he could be released.
40. After approximately 2 weeks, LM was released. He then walked to a main road and took a taxi cab home.
41. Since his detention, LM states that he has had chronic insomnia. He feels depressed and he has felt at times that he is "without a life."
42. LM states that he has had intermittent palpitations for which he did seek care in the XXX with a doctor. LM states that he worries frequently.
43. On exam, LM has:
 - Photo #1) A 4 cm slightly raised, slightly hypo-pigmented linear scar on the medial aspect of his right foot which is typical of a scar resulting from a laceration.
 - Photo #2) He has a slightly raised, slightly hypo-pigmented linear/oval scar on his left buttock which is typical of a scar resulting from a laceration.
 - Photo #3) He has a 3 cm slightly raised scar with irregular borders on his left dorsal foot which is highly consistent with a scar from a burn. He has a 2 cm slightly raised scar with irregular borders adjacent to the previous scar on his left foot which is highly consistent with a burn.
 - Photo #4) He has an 8 cm linear slightly raised, slightly hypo-pigmented scar on his right mid-calf which is typical of a scar resulting from a laceration.
44. LM lived for years in the DRC and was harassed and ultimately detained and tortured for his political beliefs.

45. He has persistent emotional symptoms consistent with post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and anxiety.

I am available to discuss these results in further detail if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

YYY, M.D.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct executed on November 30, 2013.

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