# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

ROBERT BALES	)	
v.	) }	DECLARATION OF REMINGTON L. NEVIN, MD, MPH, DrPH
COMMANDANT, United States Disciplinary Barracks Fort Leavenworth, Kansas	) ) )	

## **DECLARATION OF DR. REMINGTON L. NEVIN**

- 1. In 2017, Staff Sergeant Robert Bales (hereinafter SSG Bales, or Bales) first retained me as a medical expert in *U.S. v. Bales* to examine the possible role of mefloquine in the incident of March 10, 2012, the incident giving rise to this court-martial. I offer my specialized medical and public health training and experience as an occupational and preventive medicine physician, epidemiologist, and expert in the adverse effects of antimalarial drugs, particularly mefloquine (previously marketed as Lariam).
- 2. The following information is provided to briefly establish my credentials, qualifications, and professional experience in this area. A current curriculum vitae is attached to this declaration as Exhibit A. I served a 14-year career as a Preventive Medicine Officer in the U.S. military that included overseas service in malaria-endemic areas of Afghanistan with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, and in Africa with various U.S. Army Civil Affairs units.
- 3. I earned a BSc (Honours) in Theoretical Physiology from the University of Toronto; an MD from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, where I was awarded the Captain Richard R. Hooper Award in Preventive Medicine; and an MPH, DrPH, and certificate in Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where I was elected an Alumni Inductee of the Delta Omega Honor Society, Alpha Chapter, and was later recognized with an Outstanding Recent Graduate award. I attended residency training in Preventive Medicine at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research where I was awarded the George Miller Sternberg Award in Preventive Medicine. I also attended additional postdoctoral fellowship training in Occupational and Environmental Medicine at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.
- 4. I am licensed to practice medicine in the U.S. states of New York, Maryland, and Vermont, and am board certified in Occupational Medicine and Public Health and General Preventive Medicine by the American Board of Preventive Medicine. I am also Certified in Public Health by the U.S. National Board of Public Health Examiners.

- 5. I have authored over 80 scientific and medical publications, including over 30 letters, book chapters, and peer-reviewed articles in scientific and medical journals specifically on the topics of mefloquine or malaria. These include the first peer-reviewed article in the psychiatric literature on the forensic application of claims of adverse effects of mefloquine, which appears in the *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law*. I have also authored a chapter in the U.S. Army's *Textbook of Military Medicine* series titled *Mefloquine and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder*. My doctoral dissertation was titled *Pharmacovigilance of Neuropsychiatric Adverse Reactions to Mefloquine*.
- 6. In June 2012, I testified before the U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense on issues related to mefloquine adverse effects. In January 2013, I was invited by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to speak to their Center for Drug Evaluation and Research on the adverse effects of mefloquine. In January 2019, I was invited by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, to speak before a committee investigating the long-term adverse effects of mefloquine among veterans.
- 7. I am presently a consulting physician epidemiologist in private practice in White River Junction, Vermont, and serve as executive director of The Quinism Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that promotes and supports education and research on quinism, the family of medical disorders caused by poisoning by mefloquine and related quinoline compounds.

## **REVIEW OF CASE MATERIALS**

- 8. In preparing this declaration, I have carefully reviewed SSG Bales' available medical records, current through 2018; the medical expert reports of Drs. Golden, Pitman, Stahl, and Morgan; the complete 69-page report of the Rule for Courts-Martial (RCM) 706 sanity (competency) board (hereinafter the RCM 706 sanity (competency) board, and the 706 sanity (competency) report), dated May 3, 2013. I have also carefully reviewed the Stipulation of Facts in U.S. v. Bales, dated May 3, 2013; the government's motion to preclude references by the defense to SSG Bales' exposure to mefloquine; and the government's response to the defense request for discovery of records pertaining to SSG Bales' potential exposure to antimalarial drugs, including mefloquine.
- 9. I have also reviewed the declaration of Mr. Gregory Rayho, dated April 13, 2017 for the U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals; the decision of the U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals in U.S. v. Bales, dated September 27, 2017; the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces in U.S. v. Bales, dated February 15, 2018; and the petition for a writ of certiorari filed by SSG Bales May 16, 2018 with the Supreme Court of the United States. I have also reviewed my previous declarations dated April 12, 2017; July 11, 2017; and August 13, 2017 for the U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals.

### **EXPERT MEDICAL OPINIONS REGARDING MEFLOQUINE INTOXICATION**

- 10. As described more fully below, it is my expert medical opinion that it is very likely that SSG Bales was exposed to mefloquine during his deployment to Iraq in 2003-2004; that it is very likely that SSG Bales experienced adverse psychiatric effects as a direct result of this very likely exposure, and that these very likely constituted an involuntary intoxication, the consequences of which reasonably should have been explored and evaluated by the pretrial RCM 706 sanity (competency) board charged with determining if SSG Bales possessed mental responsibility on the night of the incidence in question.
- 11. As described more fully below, it is also my expert medical opinion that it is likely that at the time of the incident in question, that SSG Bales was experiencing symptoms of psychosis, including visual hallucinations of flashing lights, accompanied by paranoia and bizarre, persecutory delusions; and that these likely symptoms of psychosis, consistent with a likely severe mental disease or defect, were a direct result of the involuntary intoxication resulting from his very likely exposure to mefloquine in Iraq. These symptoms of psychosis, consistent with the lasting effects of mefloquine intoxication, bear on SSG Bales' mens rea on the night of the incident in question and raise substantial issues about his knowing entry into a plea of guilty without the benefit of expert medical evaluation. In my expert medical opinion, SSG Bales' mindset was compromised by the lasting effects of his involuntary mefloquine intoxication, and his ability to meaningfully enter into a guilty plea to premeditated murder charges was equally compromised.

## THE ARMY'S DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF MEFLOQUINE

12. Mefloquine is a synthetic quinoline derivative antimalarial drug that is structurally related to quinine. Mefloquine was developed by the U.S. Army's Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) during a decades-long drug development program that began during the Vietnam War. The drug was first marketed in the U.S. in 1989. By the mid-1990s and throughout much of the early 2000s, mefloquine was the U.S. military's drug of choice for the prophylaxis (or prevention) of chloroquine-resistant malaria, owing to the drug's perceived higher efficacy and more convenient weekly dosing in comparison to alternative daily antimalarial drugs. Mefloquine has been widely prescribed, issued, or dispensed to U.S. military personnel, particularly during the early months of the war in Iraq beginning in 2003, where antimalarial prophylaxis was frequently required by policy and occasionally administered under command supervision<sup>i</sup>.

#### KNOWN ADVERSE EFFECTS OF MEFLOQUINE

13. Mefloquine is strongly associated with reports of severe neuropsychiatric adverse effects, including a syndrome marked by confusion, anxiety, depression, and neurological

Nevin RL. Mefloquine and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. In: Ritchie EC, ed. *Textbook of Military Medicine. Forensic and Ethical Issues in Military Behavioral Health.* Washington, DC: Borden Institute; 2015:277-296.

disorders<sup>ii</sup>. Mefloquine is also associated with reports of psychosis, dissociation, and lifethreatening behavior<sup>iii</sup>. These effects are often preceded and predicted by the development of prodromal, or early warning, symptoms, including sleep disturbance. Consequently, since 1989, the U.S. mefloquine drug label has warned to discontinue the medication at the development of "unexplained anxiety, depression, restlessness or confusion", which "may be considered prodromal to a more serious event"<sup>iv</sup>.

- 14. Mefloquine use is strongly associated with reports of acts of violence. In a published analysis of post-marketing drug safety data, mefloquine is listed among the top ten prescription drugs associated with these effects<sup>v</sup>. Mefloquine has also been implicated and the drug's role investigated by the U.S. Army in a number of homicides, including by soldiers returning home from Afghanistan and Iraq<sup>vi</sup>.
- 15. In 2012, U.S. military authors writing for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) noted that the neuropsychiatric adverse effects of mefloquine "may confound the diagnosis and management of [PTSD] and traumatic brain injury [TBI]"vii. Other U.S. military authors at WRAIR have noted that "[g]iven the overlapping symptoms of [PTSD] and mefloquine toxicity, it can be challenging to distinguish between the two diagnoses"viii. In my book chapter in the U.S. Army's *Textbook of Military Medicine* series, I note that it is "conceivable that patients experiencing mefloquine's toxic effects may have appeared to meet formal PTSD diagnostic criteria, even if the etiology of the symptoms was distinct from the effects of traumatic stress".
- 16. In September 2013, the U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) issued an order directing that "commanders and medical personnel will decrease the risk of negative drug related side effects by ceasing use of mefloquine as a means of chemoprophylaxis for the prevention of malaria". The order, attached as Exhibit B, also directed that commanders and medical personnel "concurrently address and assess the possibility and impact of mefloquine toxicity in their populations".

Nevin RL, Leoutsakos JM. Identification of a Syndrome Class of Neuropsychiatric Adverse Reactions to Mefloquine from Latent Class Modeling of FDA Adverse Event Reporting System Data. *Drugs R D* 2017;17(1):199-210.

Nevin RL, Byrd AM. Neuropsychiatric Adverse Reactions to Mefloquine: a Systematic Comparison of Prescribing and Patient Safety Guidance in the US, UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. Neurol Ther 2016;5(1):69-83.

Moore TJ, Glenmullen J, Furberg CD. Prescription drugs associated with reports of violence towards others. PLoS One 2010;5(12):e15337.

Nevin RL. Rational Risk-Benefit Decision-Making in the Setting of Military Mefloquine Policy. J. Parasitol Res 2015;2015;20106.

Magill A, Cersovsky S, DeFraites R. Special Considerations for US Military Deployments. In: Brunette GW, ed. *CDC Health Information for International Travel: The Yellow Book 2012.* New York, NY: Oxford University Press; 2012:561-565.

Livezey J, Oliver T, Cantilena L. Prolonged Neuropsychiatric Symptoms in a Military Service Member Exposed to Mefloquine. *Drug Saf - Case Reports* 2016;3(1):7.

ix Nevin RL, 2015, op. cit.

Nevin RL, Ritchie EC. The Mefloquine Intoxication Syndrome: A Significant Potential Confounder in the Diagnosis and Management of PTSD and Other Chronic Deployment-Related Neuropsychiatric Disorders. In: *Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Related Diseases in Combat Veterans*. Cham, Switzerland: Springer International Publishing; 2015:257-278.

# SYMPTOMS EXPERIENCED BY SSG BALES PRIOR TO HIS DEPLOYMENT TO AFGHANISTAN IN LATE 2011

17. Following his deployment to Iraq in 2003-2004, Bales' complained of cognitive impairment and depression, and following subsequent combat deployments to Iraq, he complained of additional symptoms of insomnia, irritability, and anger, which the United States did not attribute to any psychiatric diagnosis. Despite his experiencing these seemingly medically unexplained symptoms, the United States deployed SSG Bales for a fourth Infantry combat tour to Afghanistan in late 2011\*. Only following the incident in question in March 2012, at the subsequent RCM 706 sanity (competency) board, was SSG Bales diagnosed with PTSD.

## THE FDA'S 2013 "BLACK BOX" WARNING REGARDING MEFLOQUINE'S LONG-LASTING ADVERSE EFFECTS

18. In July 2013, during the sentencing portion of *U.S. v. Bales*, and only two months following completion of the RCM 706 sanity (competency) board, U.S drug regulators at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a Drug Safety Communication, attached to this declaration as Exhibit C, advising the public about "strengthened and updated warnings regarding neurologic and psychiatric side effects associated with the antimalarial drug mefloquine." In its review of reported adverse events associated with mefloquine, the FDA noted that "some of the psychiatric symptoms persisted for months or years after mefloquine was discontinued," and warned that "[t]he psychiatric side effects can include feeling anxious, mistrustful, depressed, or having hallucinations."xi. The lasting nature of these adverse effects were also subject of a boxed warning (or "black box") mandated by the FDA on July 29, 2013, which also directed that mefloquine be immediately discontinued at the onset of any neurologic or psychiatric symptomxii.

# SSG BALES' INCOMPLETE PRETRIAL RCM 706 SANITY (COMPETENCY) REPORT AND EXPERT MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

19. As the evidence suggests that SSG Bales was exposed to mefloquine during his deployment to Iraq in 2003-2004, his primary RCM 706 sanity (competency) report diagnosis of PTSD would be subject to reexamination. The current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM 5), which was published in May 2013, excluded the diagnosis of PTSD if the disturbance is "attributable to the physiological effects of a substance (e.g., medication, alcohol) or another medical condition"xiii. The RCM 706 sanity (competency)

For a detailed review of SSG Bales' medical history prior to his deployment to Afghanistan in 2011-2012, please see the Chronology of Events attached to my declaration of April 12, 2017.

vi U.S. Food and Drug Administration. FDA Drug Safety Communication: FDA approves label changes for antimalarial drug mefloquine hydrochloride due to risk of serious psychiatric and nerve side effects. July 29, 2013. http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/DrugSafety/UCM362232.pdf.

xii Nevin RL, Byrd AM, 2016, op. cit.

American Psychiatric Association. *Trauma- and Stressor-Related Disorders. In: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. 5th Edition*. American Psychiatric Association. 2013

board, in its report, did not mention the potential effects of mefloquine nor comment on SSG Bales' possible past exposure, nor acknowledge that the adverse psychiatric effects of any such possible past exposure to mefloquine may last years after use. A properly constituted and informed Rule 706 sanity (competency) board should have considered the possible lasting effects of past mefloquine exposure, in determining both SSG Bales' clinical psychiatric diagnosis, and whether SSG Bales had a severe mental disease or defect, at the time of the incident in question.

- 20. As the evidence suggests that SSG Bales was exposed to mefloquine during his deployment to Iraq in 2003-2004, the conclusions of his medical experts, prepared from June to August 2013, in preparation for the sentencing portion of the trial, would also be subject to reexamination. The medical experts who produced reports in support of his case do not include a discussion in their reports of the possible role of mefloquine in the incident in March 2012<sup>xiv</sup>. These medical experts should have considered the possible lasting effects of past mefloquine exposure, in determining both SSG Bales' clinical psychiatric diagnosis, and whether SSG Bales had a severe mental disease or defect, at the time of the incident in question.
- 21. Consequently, as the evidence suggests that SSG Bales had in fact been exposed to mefloquine during his deployment to Iraq in 2003-2004, during sentencing the jury was not aware of the possible effect of mefloquine on SSG Bales' *mens rea* at the time of the incident in question.

# EVIDENCE SUPPORTING SSG BALES' EXPOSURE TO MEFLOQUINE DURING HIS DEPLOYMENT TO IRAQ IN 2003-2004

22. Although available medical records do not document SSG Bales being formally prescribed mefloquine during his deployment to Iraq in 2003-2004, the U.S. military has conceded that "[s]ome deploying Service members have been provided mefloquine for malaria prophylaxis without appropriate documentation in their medical records"xv. Mefloquine is known to have been widely used at the time, particularly during the early months of the Iraq warxvi, and although official policies were to have discontinued the use

xvi Nevin RL, 2015, op. cit.

viv On June 25, 2013, Dr. Golden completed a comprehensive neuropsychological report on Bales based on the results of testing from June 9, 2013 through June 11, 2013. On July 1, 2013, Dr. Stahl completed a comprehensive psychopharmacology report on Bales. On July 1, 2013, Dr. Pitman also completed a forensic psychiatric report on Bales based on evaluations from June 17, 18, and 24, 2013. On August 8, 2013, Dr. Morgan completed a forensic psychiatric report on Bales. No report mentioned the potential effects of mefloquine nor commented on possible past exposure.

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). Memorandum. Subject: Service Review of Mefloquine Prescribing Practices. January 12, 2012.

of antimalarial drugs in late 2003<sup>xvii</sup>, use of antimalarial drugs was resumed by formal policy only months later<sup>xviii</sup>, with mefloquine later explicitly authorized by policy<sup>xix</sup>.

- 23. This lack of documentation of exposure would have been contrary to DoD HA policy which required documentation of prescribing in the medical records<sup>xx</sup>. Additionally, there is no documentation that SSG Bales was provided a copy of the mefloquine medication guide during his deployment to Iraq in 2003-2004, as was required by federal law<sup>xxi</sup>.
- 24. On March 30, 2017, I spoke with SSG Bales in a telephone call to assess the possibility of his having had symptomatic exposure to mefloquine. He denied any exposure to the drug prior to his joining the U.S. Army, but described being administered an antimalarial drug which he believes was mefloquine ("Lariam") while deployed to Iraq in 2003-2004. SSG Bales described this drug being administered to him on a recurring

Combined Joint Task Force Seven. *Memorandum. Subject: CJTF-7 Policy on Malaria Prevention.*December 29, 2003. This memorandum directed that "U.S. personnel in Iraq will not take malaria chemoprophylactic medication".

- Combined Joint Task Force Seven. *Memorandum. Subject: CJTF-7 Policy on Malaria Prevention.* February 12, 2004. This revised memorandum stated that "Chloroquine is considered the drug of choice because of its efficacy against the malaria strains present in the country; as well as its favorable dosing interval compared to doxycycline, its greater suitability for prolonged administration, and its lower incidence of side-effects compared to mefloquine; chloroquine is authorized for personnel on flight status. Units or personnel rotating into Iraq [see component/CJTF policies for specific risk areas] during the malaria transmission season April to November are advised to begin weekly chloroquine, one 500 mg tablet 2 weeks prior to arrival in country".
- U.S. Central Command. MOD 6 to USCENTCOM Individual Protection and Individual/Unit Deployment Policy. May 24, 2004. This policy stated that "Chloroquine is considered the drug of choice because of its efficacy against the malaria strains present in the country; as well as its favorable dosing interval compared to doxycycline, its greater suitability for prolonged administration, and its lower incidence of side-effects compared to mefloquine; chloroquine is authorized for personnel on flight status. Units or personnel rotating into Iraq [see component/CJTF policies for specific risk areas] during the malaria transmission season April to November are advised to begin weekly chloroquine, one 500 mg tablet 2 weeks prior to arrival in country", but also stated that "Units currently taking weekly mefloquine desiring to change to chloroquine can discontinue mefloquine and begin chloroquine the next week. Residual blood levels of mefloquine will provide protection until adequate chloroquine levels are achieved" [emphasis and sentence case added].
- xx Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). *Memorandum. Subject: Policy for Use of Force Health Protection Prescription Products. HA Policy 03-007.* April 24, 2003.
- See Benjamin M, Olmsted D. Malaria drug warning follows problems. *UPI*. July 10, 2003. Available at: http://www.upi.com/Business\_News/Security-Industry/2003/07/10/Malaria-drug-warning-follows-problems/UPI-84261057867715. This noted: "The [FDA] has taken the rare step of ordering that patients are warned directly of serious mental problems and reports of suicide linked to a common anti-malaria drug [mefloquine]". "The move which the FDA has ordered only 17 times previously follows a decade of increasingly dire warnings about the drug, and a trail of horror stories from people who said they have suffered from side effects from the drug...". "The FDA on Wednesday required by law that all doctors hand patients a 'medication guide' with the new [mefloquine] warnings. It is the 18th time the FDA has made the aggressive move". "The new warnings say the drug has been associated with 'serious psychiatric adverse events' that 'may persist even after stopping the medication'. It also notes 'rare reports have claimed that [mefloquine] users think about killing themselves' and 'rarer reports of suicides'". "The FDA says the guides are used for drugs 'that pose a serious and significant public health concern'".

basis by a member of his unit. SSG Bales does not recall being asked any questions about his mental health prior to receiving each recurring dose and does not recall receiving any printed material describing the drug's adverse effects or under what conditions he should have discontinued the drug.

- 25. As SSG Bales described to me in this telephone call, he experienced several symptoms while receiving this medication, including unexplained anxiety, depression, restlessness, and confusion, as well as vivid dreams, nightmares, disturbed sleep, anger, irritability and aggression, and problems with memory and concentration. SSG Bales also described one episode where he very clearly experienced visual hallucinations of "purple guys running down the bridge" he was surveilling.
- 26. In a declaration dated April 13, 2017, Mr. Gregory Rayho describes having served with SSG Bales with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division (hereinafter the Brigade) during his deployment to Iraq from 2003-2004. In his declaration, Mr. Rayho describes being ordered to take mefloquine while in formations that included SSG Bales on at least two weekly occasions during the time period from February to June 2004. In his declaration, Mr. Rayho describes no record being made of his exposure to mefloquine in his medical records.
- 27. Based on my conversation with SSG Bales, my review of the Rayho declaration, my review of the available medical documentation, and my experience, education, and training, including my knowledge of U.S. military antimalarial prophylaxis policies and practices, it is my expert medical opinion that it is very likely that SSG Bales was exposed to mefloquine during his deployment to Iraq in 2003-2004. SSG Bales receiving mefloquine under command supervision during his 2003-2004 deployment to Iraq, as he describes and as described in the Rayho declaration, would be fully consistent with U.S. military antimalarial prophylaxis practices reported in effect as late as 2011<sup>xxii</sup>.
- 28. Based on my review of the available documentation, my conversation with SSG Bales, and my experience, education, and training, it is also my expert medical opinion that it is very likely that SSG Bales experienced adverse psychiatric effects as a direct result of his very likely exposure to mefloquine during his deployment to Iraq in 2003-2004. It is also my opinion that the adverse psychiatric effects resulting from this very likely exposure to mefloquine very likely constitute involuntary intoxication, in that it is very likely that SSG Bales was ordered or otherwise compelled to take mefloquine despite his

See: Solano TL. Doxy Daily Maintains APS-11 Marines' Unit Effectiveness. *United States Africa Command.* April 28, 2011. Available at: http://www.africom.mil/Newsroom/Article/8259/doxy-daily-maintains-aps-11-marines-unit-effective. This report describes a unit being administered *both* daily doxycycline and weekly mefloquine under conditions of command supervision.

developing symptoms of unexplained anxiety, depression, restlessness, and confusion that should have mandated the drug's immediate discontinuation<sup>xxiii</sup>.

29. It is also my expert medical opinion that it is very likely that because of SSG Bales' continued use of the medication, the adverse psychiatric effects of this very likely involuntary intoxication persisted and subsequently contributed to his state of mental ill-health, including his chronic symptoms of insomnia, depression, cognitive impairment, irritability, and anger, which were present during his deployment to Afghanistan at the time of the incident of March 2012. It is also my opinion that these symptoms very likely contributed to SSG Bales seeking to self-medicate with alcohol and sleep aids during his Afghanistan deployment.

## SPECIFIC RCM 706 SANITY (COMPETENCY) REPORT DEFICIENCIES

- 30. Based on available evidence, and my experience, education, and training, it is my expert medical opinion that it is likely that the conclusion of the RCM 706 sanity (competency) report that SSG Bales did not have a severe mental disease or defect at the time of the incident in question is erroneous, and that it is likely that certain factual statements in the RCM 706 sanity (competency) are also incorrect, as described more fully below.
- 31. Section 11 of the RCM 706 sanity (competency) report (titled "Mental Status Examination") states that SSG Bales "denied any past or current experience of auditory or visual hallucinations".
- 32. As described in paragraph 25 of this declaration, SSG Bales reported to me in a telephone call on March 30, 2017, that while deployed to Iraq in 2003-2004, during a guard shift, he perceived "purple guys running down the bridge" he was surveilling from an overwatch position. SSG Bales described to me that he shared his perceptions of the "purple guys" with other soldiers, and consequently became of the opinion that his perceptions represented visual hallucinations, rather than an accurate perception of reality.

See: U.S. Army Medical Command. *Memorandum. Subject: Additional Patient Information to Accompany Each Prescription of Mefloquine*. November 20, 2003. This memorandum advised: "[The revised mefloquine medication guide] provides important information that patients should know about the dug. This guide contains a wallet-sized information card that addresses the need to take the medication and provides information on side effects that may necessitate discontinued use. This card, which can be reproduced locally, *must be provided to each person who is prescribed [mefloquine] or generic forms of mefloquine*" [emphasis added]. The memorandum also stated: "*Advise persons who notice symptoms such as excessive acute anxiety, depression, restlessness or confusion while taking mefloquine to seek medical care immediately for consideration of an alternative anti-malarial medication" [emphasis added]. The then-current mefloquine drug label, dated August 2003, warned "During prophylactic use, if <i>psychiatric symptoms such as* acute anxiety, depression, restlessness or confusion occur, these may be considered prodromal to a more serious event. In these cases, *the drug must be discontinued* and an alternative medication should be substituted" [emphasis added].

- 33. Based on available evidence, and my experience, education, and training, it is my expert medical opinion that it is very likely that, contrary to the conclusions of the RCM 706 sanity (competency) report, SSG Bales did in fact experience past visual hallucinations, namely visual hallucinations while deployed to Iraq in 2003-2004, and that these were very likely a direct result of involuntary intoxication resulting from his very likely exposure to mefloquine.
- 34. Additionally, based on available evidence, and my experience, education, and training, it is also my expert medical opinion that it is likely that, contrary to the conclusions of the RCM 706 sanity (competency) report, that SSG Bales also experienced visual hallucinations on the night of the incident in question, and that these were likely also a direct result of the lasting effects of this early involuntary intoxication, as described more fully below.
- 35. Section 18 of the RCM 706 sanity (competency) report (titled "Forensic Opinion/Mental Responsibility") states that during the time leading up to the incident in question, there "was no indication... [of] signs or symptoms indicative of impaired reality testing, such as... hallucinations, other perceptual disturbances, or bizarre delusions".
- 36. Similarly, section 6 of the RCM 706 sanity (competency) report (titled "Accused's Version of the Offenses") states that "SSG Bales denied any experience of perceptual disturbance (e.g., seeing persons or objects that were not seen by others...) in the past, during his guard shift or at any time during the course of events that followed". Section 14 of the RCM 706 sanity (competency) report (titled "Diagnostic Assessment"), in the first subsection (titled "Psychosis, dissociation, and associated disorders"), states that the board "found no indication that SSG Bales ever experienced psychotic symptoms", that the board "did not find that his thoughts or behaviors were influenced by delusional beliefs", and that "SSG Bales' perception that the area around VSP [Village Stability Platform] Belambay was highly dangerous" was based on "reasonably accurate, rational pieces of information".
- 37. However, as described in section 5 of the RCM 706 sanity (competency) report (titled "Government's Version of the Offenses"), SSG Bales "reportedly observed flashing lights at points near Alikozai and [Naja Bien]" during his guard shift the evening prior to the incident in question, and "believed those lights possibly represent[ed] signaling related to IED placement".
- 38. Section 6 of the RCM 706 sanity (competency) report also describes that during his guard shift, SSG Bales "believed he observed a pattern of flashing lights as he noted four flashes in the north (in the region of Alikozai) followed by what he believed to be a response of one flash from the south (in the region of [Naja Bien])". Section 6 of the RCM 706 sanity (competency) report also describes that when SSG Bales shared his perceptions with SPC Cerciello, who was on guard duty with him, that SPC Cerciello "was not certain that [he] observed a similar pattern".

- 39. Similarly, as described in the Stipulation of Facts, dated May 3, 2013, SSG Bales "told PFC Cerciello that he saw lights flashing in both Naja Bien and Alikozai for approximately fifteen minutes", that SSG Bales "pointed in the direction of Alikozai where he stated he saw the lights, and that SSG Bales mentioned that he thought that it might be possible that the lights represented signals between insurgents". The Stipulation of Facts also describes that "[PFC] Cerciello did not see the lights to the north". The Stipulation of Facts also describes that SSG Bales' "intention when leaving the VSP [Village Stability Platform] was to travel north to the village of Alikozai", where he had seen the flashing lights, "in an attempt to show [Special Forces] what it meant to 'take action'".
- 40. Based on available evidence, and my experience, education, and training, it is my opinion that it is likely that SSG Bales did in fact experience visual hallucinations of flashing lights in the region of Alikozai during his guard shift the evening prior to the incident in question. It is also my opinion that it is likely that SSG Bales' visual hallucinations of flashing lights were accompanied by paranoia and bizarre, persecutory delusions that these constituted a highly dangerous threat, and that these perceptual disturbances, which are fully consistent with the known lasting adverse effects of mefloquine intoxication, compelled SSG Bales to "take action".
- 41. Based on available evidence, and my experience, education, and training, it is also my opinion that SSG Bales' perceptions at the time of the incident in question were likely not based on reasonable, rational pieces of information, and that his thoughts and behaviors were instead likely influenced by delusional beliefs.
- 42. It is also my opinion that his likely visual hallucinations, paranoia, persecutory delusions, and subsequent unusual behavior were symptoms of psychosis consistent with a likely severe mental disease or defect at the time of the incident in question. It is also my opinion that SSG Bales' likely symptoms of psychosis were a direct result of involuntary intoxication resulting from his very likely exposure to mefloquine in Iraq in 2003-2004.

### PROSECUTORIAL CONDUCT RELATED TO ITS KNOWLEDGE OF MEFLOQUINE

43. On January 17, 2012, approximately two months prior to the incident in question, the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), in a memorandum attached to this declaration as Exhibit D, noted problems with mefloquine prescribing documentation and directed a review of mefloquine prescribing practices be performed in deployed locations. The results of this review were due in April 2012\*\*. In my opinion, therefore, at the time of the incident in question, the government knew, or reasonably ought to have known based on publicly-available information, that SSG Bales may have been exposed to the drug during his deployment to Iraq in 2003-2004 without documentation of such exposure appearing in his medical records.

- 44. Furthermore, also in April 2012, the FDA received a "medically confirmed" adverse event report from Roche, the original manufacturer of mefloquine, reporting from an unnamed source that an unnamed U.S. soldier had been "treated with Mefloquine Hydrochloride ... and led to Homicide killing of 1[6]." This report is attached to this declaration as Exhibit E. The Army, as a holder of a then-current FDA marketing authorization for mefloquinexxv, was or should have been aware of this "medically confirmed" report that clearly suggested that the United States had previously issued mefloquine to SSG Bales. In my opinion, upon receipt of this report, the government knew, or reasonably ought to have known based on this information, that SSG Bales may have been exposed to the drug, and that such exposure may have plausibly had bearing on his mens rea on the night of the incident in question.
- 45. In my opinion, in light of this FDA adverse event report, and contemporaneous expert speculation in the media regarding the possible role of mefloquine in the incident in questionxxvi, serious questions are raised by the government's decision to refer the case capital and to authorize imposition of the death penalty, without disclosing either the FDA adverse event report nor the January 2012 memorandum, acknowledging the incompleteness of mefloquine prescribing documentation, and the potentially exculpatory results of the review it directed, to SSG Bales and the defense.
- In my opinion, upon release of the FDA warning in July 2013, the government further knew or reasonably ought to have known that SSG Bales' civilian mental health experts, in preparing or submitting their reports, would likely not have considered the possible lasting effects of any possible undocumented mefloquine exposure during SSG Bales' deployment to Iraq in 2003-2004.
- 47. In my opinion, upon release of the FDA warning in July 2013, the government also knew or reasonably ought to have known that the RCM 706 sanity (competency) board, having completed its RCM 706 sanity (competency) report on May 3, 2013, two months prior to the FDA's warning that psychiatric effects from mefloquine could last years after use, would likely also not have considered the possible lasting effects of such exposure.
- 48. In its response to the defense request for discovery of records pertaining to SSG Bales' potential exposure to antimalarial drugs, including mefloquine, the government has

xxvi On March 29, 2012, a CNN report (Erin Burnett Outfront) aired featuring Dr. Ritchie, a former Army psychiatrist, speculating that SSG Bales may have been given mefloquine. The transcript of the report states: "Sometimes the medical records reveal things but sometimes they don't, especially if somebody is stationed in a remote outpost and might have gotten the medications locally [i.e.

xxv The U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command received independent FDA approval for mefloquine on May 2, 1989 under its New Drug Application (NDA) 19-578. This approval, and the U.S. Army's responsibility for adverse event monitoring and reporting, remained in effect until July 15, 2013, the date of publication in the Federal Register of the FDA's formal withdrawal of approval of NDA 19-578 at the request of the U.S. Army Office of the Surgeon General.

claimed to be "not aware of any materials or records responsive to the request"xxvii. If SSG Bales had in fact been exposed to mefloquine during his deployment to Iraq in 2003-2004, as in my opinion is very likely, the absence of records responsive to this request would be consistent with the U.S. military's statement that "[s]ome deploying Service members have been provided mefloquine for malaria prophylaxis without appropriate documentation in their medical records"xxviii.

49. In its motion to preclude references pertaining to SSG Bales' exposure to mefloquine, including during his deployment to Iraq in 2003-2004, the government has claimed "none of the Accused's medical records indicate that he was given [mefloquine] at any time during his military history", and that "[n]one of the Accused's mental health experts' reports... discuss [mefloquine] as a substance relevant to this case or the Accused's mental condition in any way". In its motion, the government argued that, "[g]iven that there is no evidence that the Accused consumed [mefloquine] at any time, the defense should be precluded from referencing any of the potential effects of the drug [mefloquine] through any witness, to include their experts". In my opinion, the government's attempt to keep the court from knowing of any of the potential effects of mefloquine indicates its knowledge that SSG Bales' exposure to mefloquine may have plausibly had bearing on his mens rea on the night of the incident in question.

#### CONCLUSIONS

- 50. It is my expert medical opinion that it is very likely that SSG Bales experienced adverse psychiatric effects as a direct result of his very likely exposure to mefloquine during his deployment to Iraq in 2003-2004, and that as a direct result of the lasting effects of mefloquine intoxication, at the time of the incident in question, he was experiencing likely symptoms of psychosis, consistent with a likely severe mental disease or defect.
- 51. In my opinion, given that mefloquine has been a common exposure among U.S. military personnel, and given the association of mefloquine intoxication with acts of violence, upon learning of the FDA warning in July 2013, a properly constituted and informed Rule 706 sanity (competency) board should have considered the possible lasting effects of past mefloquine exposure, including possible undocumented exposure not reflected in the medical records, in determining both SSG Bales' clinical psychiatric diagnosis, and whether SSG Bales had a severe mental disease or defect, at the time of the incident in question.

xxvii In response to a request for discovery of "Unit Records Pertaining to Antimalarial Medication Dispensed to [Soldiers] Assigned to 2-3 Infantry Regiment" from November 1, 2003 through July 1, 2010, the government responded that it is "not aware of any materials or records responsive to the request". The government also files a motion "to preclude evidence pertaining to the accused's consumption of 'Lariam' or 'mefloquine'". The government noted that "none of the Accused's medical records indicate that he was given Lariam at any time during his military history", and that "[n]one of the Accused's mental health experts' reports... discuss Lariam as a substance relevant to this case or the Accused's mental condition in any way".

xxviii Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). 2012, op cit.

- 52. Given my opinion that at the time of the incident in question, that SSG Bales was likely laboring under symptoms of psychosis, including visual hallucinations of flashing lights, accompanied by paranoia and bizarre, persecutory delusions, and that it was these perceptual disturbances, consistent with a likely severe mental disease or defect, that compelled SSG Bales to "take action", the jury failed to consider in its sentencing decision factors vital to establishing *mens rea*.
- 53. Given my opinion that SSG Bales was very likely involuntary intoxicated from mefloquine, substantial issues are raised about his knowing entry into a plea of guilty without the benefit of expert medical evaluation. In my expert medical opinion, SSG Bales' mindset was compromised by the lasting effects of his involuntary mefloquine intoxication, and his ability to meaningfully enter into a guilty plea to premeditated murder charges was equally compromised.
- 54. In January 2019, I completed a review of SSG Bales' medical records complete through late 2018\*\*xix\*. Based on this review, I concluded that it was very likely that Mr. Bales was experiencing chronic psychiatric symptoms including insomnia, depression, anxiety, and paranoia; that have persisted from the time of his first deployment to Iraq in 2003; that these were primarily a direct causal result of his very likely exposure to mefloquine; that this very likely exposure to mefloquine provides the most parsimonious explanation for the onset, severity, and persistence of these symptoms; and that there are no more likely causes for these. I also concluded that Mr. Bales' psychiatric symptoms are likely to remain chronic and disabling and will not remit significantly with time or treatment.
- 55. It is my opinion that SSG Bales would benefit from continued medical care for his chronic and disabling psychiatric condition. With insight that his actions on the night of the incident in question were the likely result of a psychosis that was a direct result of involuntary intoxication resulting from his very likely exposure to mefloquine in Iraq, in my opinion, SSG Bales would be unlikely to pose a further threat to others.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 24th day of June, 2019.

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xxix This is described in an independent medical opinion report, dated January 5, 2019.

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2018-	The Quinism Foundation, White River Junction, VT.
2010-2012	Preventive Medicine Physician Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital, Fort Polk, LA.
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# **Invited Public Testimony**

2019	Canadian Parliament. Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs. <i>Effects of Mefloquine Use Among Canadian Veterans</i> . Wednesday, May 1, 2019. The Wellington Building Room 420, Ottawa, Canada.
2018	Australian Senate. Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee. <i>Use of the Quinoline Anti-malarial Drugs Mefloquine and Tafenoquine in the Australian Defence Force</i> . Thursday, October 11, 2018. Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House, Canberra, Australia. ( <i>By Video Teleconference</i> ).
2016	Canadian Parliament. Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs. <i>Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Among Veterans</i> . Tuesday, October 25, 2016. The Valour Building Room 228, Ottawa, Canada.
2015	UK Parliament. Defence Committee. <i>An Acceptable Risk? The Use of Lariam for Military Personnel</i> . Tuesday, December 8, 2015. The Wilson Room, Portcullis House, London, UK.
2012	U.S. Senate. Appropriations Defense Subcommittee. <i>Outside Witnesses: Mefloquine Research</i> . Wednesday, June 6, 2012. Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 162, Washington, DC.

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2006	\$1.919M	Department of Defense Global Emerging Infectious Disease Surveillance and Response System (DoD-GEIS), Pandemic Influenza Surveillance Supplemental Funding.
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#### Peer Review

2019 Journal Reviewer: American Journal of Public Health; Clinical Case Reports; Federal Practitioner; Military Medicine. Abstract Reviewer: American College of Preventive Medicine, 2019 Annual Meeting. 2018 **Journal Reviewer**: American Journal of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene: BMJ Case Reports; Clinical Case Reports; Federal Practitioner; Journal of Medical Case Reports; Journal of Travel Medicine; Military Medicine. 2017 Journal Reviewer: American Journal of Infection Control; American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene; American Journal of Psychiatry; Biomedicine and Pharmacotherapy; BMJ Case Reports; Federal Practitioner; Journal of Medical Case Reports; Journal of Travel Medicine; Military Medicine. Abstract Reviewer: American College of Preventive Medicine, 2018 Annual Meeting. 2016 Journal Reviewer: American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene; Australasian Medical Journal: Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness; PLOS ONE; Journal of Medical Case Reports; Military Medicine. Abstract Reviewer: American College of Preventive Medicine, 2017 Annual Meeting. 2015 Journal Reviewer: American Journal of Infection Control; American Journal of Preventive Medicine; American Journal of Public Health; American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene; Clinical Case Reports; Journal of Cerebral Blood Flow & Metabolism. Abstract Reviewer: American College of Preventive Medicine, 2016 Annual Meeting: International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology 2016 Mid-Year Meeting. 2014 Journal Reviewer: American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience; American Journal of Infection Control; American Journal of Public Health; Military Medicine. Abstract Reviewer: American College of Preventive Medicine, 2015 Annual Meeting. 2013 Journal Reviewer: American Journal of Infection Control; American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene; Military Medicine; Paediatrics and International Child Health. Abstract Reviewer: American College of Preventive Medicine, 2014 Annual Meeting. 2012 Journal Reviewer: American Journal of Infection Control; American Journal of Public Health; Journal of the Neurological Sciences; Military Medicine. Abstract Reviewer: American College of Preventive Medicine. 2013 Annual Meeting. 2011 Journal Reviewer: American Journal of Infection Control; Journal of Infection and Public Health. 2010 Journal Reviewer: American Journal of Infection Control; American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene; BMC Medical Research Methodology; Emerging Infectious Diseases; The Lancet; Lancet Infectious Diseases. 2009 Journal Reviewer: American Journal of Public Health; American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene; Clinical Nursing Research; Military Medicine.

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- 2014 Nevin RL. Central Nervous System Toxicity of Antiparasitic Quinolines.

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**EXHIBIT C** 



# **Drug Safety Communications**

FDA Drug Safety Communication: FDA approves label changes for antimalarial drug mefloquine hydrochloride due to risk of serious psychiatric and nerve side effects

[7-29-2013] The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is advising the public about strengthened and updated warnings regarding neurologic and psychiatric side effects associated with the antimalarial drug mefloquine hydrochloride. A boxed warning, the most serious kind of warning about these potential problems, has been added to the drug label. FDA has revised the patient Medication Guide dispensed with each prescription and wallet card to include this information and the possibility that the neurologic side effects may persist or become permanent. The neurologic side effects can include dizziness, loss of balance, or ringing in the ears. The psychiatric side effects can include feeling anxious, mistrustful, depressed, or having hallucinations (For a more complete list of potential side effects, see Additional Information for Patients).

Neurologic side effects can occur at any time during drug use, and can last for months to years after the drug is stopped or can be permanent. Patients, caregivers, and health care professionals should watch for these side effects. When using the drug to prevent malaria, if a patient develops neurologic or psychiatric symptoms, mefloquine should be stopped, and an alternate medicine should be used. If a patient develops neurologic or psychiatric symptoms while on mefloquine, the patient should contact the prescribing health care professional. The patient should not stop taking mefloquine before discussing symptoms with the health care professional.

<u>Malaria</u> is a serious disease caused by a parasite that commonly infects mosquitoes, which then bite humans. It is a major cause of death worldwide but is less common in the United States. The disease is a problem primarily in developing countries with warm climates. Persons who travel to these countries may be at risk of malaria infection and should take drugs to prevent or reduce that risk. People with malaria often experience fever, chills, and flu-like symptoms. Drugs must be taken to treat the disease if you have been infected, but may, themselves, have side effects.

FDA will continue to evaluate the safety of mefloquine and will communicate with the public again if additional information becomes available.

## **FACTS about mefloquine tablets**

- Antimalarial drug indicated for the treatment of mild to moderate acute malaria caused by mefloquine-susceptible *P. falciparum* and *P. vivax*.
- Also indicated for the prevention of malaria infections by *P. falciparum* (including chloroquine-resistant *P. falciparum*) and *P. vivax*.

 Previously marketed under the brand name Lariam; however, the Lariam product is not currently marketed. Generic mefloquine products are available in the US.

#### **Additional Information for Patients**

- Mefloquine may cause dizziness, balance problems, and ringing in the ears. These symptoms
  can occur at any time during use and can last for months to years after the drug is stopped or
  can be permanent.
- Contact your health care professional right away if you take mefloquine and experience any of
  the following signs and symptoms; it may be necessary to stop mefloquine and take another
  medication to prevent malaria, but do not do so without first talking with your health care
  professional:
  - o Dizziness
  - Balance problems such as a feeling that you or things around you are moving or spinning (vertigo)
  - o Ringing in your ears (tinnitus)
  - Convulsions or seizures
  - o Inability to sleep (insomnia)
- If you already have or develop any mental problems, you should contact your health care professional right away. These mental problems include:
  - o Anxiety
  - o Feelings of mistrust towards others (paranoia)
  - Seeing or hearing things that are not there (hallucinations)
  - o Depression
  - o Restlessness
  - o Confusion
  - Behavior that is unusual
- Carefully read the Medication Guide and the wallet card that come with your mefloquine prescription.
- Discuss any questions or concerns about mefloquine with your health care professional.

• Report any side effects you experience to your health care professional and the FDA MedWatch program, using the information in the Contact FDA box at the bottom of the page.

#### Additional Information for Health Care Professionals

- Encourage your patients to contact you if they develop neurologic or psychiatric symptoms.
- Make sure your patients receive the Medication Guide with every prescription.
- Be alert to the potential for the development of neurologic and psychiatric adverse reactions in patients using the drug. If the patient develops psychiatric or neurologic symptoms during preventive use, mefloquine should be stopped and an alternate antimalarial medicine should be used.
- Neurologic and psychiatric symptoms can be difficult to identify in children.
- Report adverse reactions involving mefloquine to the FDA MedWatch program, using the information in the Contact FDA box at the bottom of the page.

### **Data Summary**

The mefloquine drug label already states that mefloquine should not be prescribed to prevent malaria in patients with major psychiatric disorders or with a history of seizures. The changes to the mefloquine drug label better describe the possibility of persistent neurologic (vestibular) adverse effects after mefloquine is discontinued and the possibility of permanent vestibular damage.

In conducting its assessment of vestibular adverse reactions associated with mefloquine use, FDA reviewed adverse event reports from the FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS) and the published literature, identifying patients that reported one or more vestibular symptoms such as dizziness, loss of balance, tinnitus, and vertigo. Patients who reported vestibular adverse reactions were healthy with no known major medical problems prior to taking mefloquine for malaria prophylaxis. Some patients did not suspect their symptoms were due to mefloquine and continued to take the drug after the symptoms started.

In many cases, these symptoms developed early in the course of treatment, sometimes after one or two doses of mefloquine. Dizziness, loss of balance, tinnitus, or vertigo persisted for months to years after mefloquine was discontinued, and permanent vestibular damage was diagnosed in some cases. These symptoms interfered with patients' daily activities and ability to work. Some cases described abnormal vestibular function tests and a diagnosis of vestibular damage. In some cases, the vestibular damage was thought to be caused by mefloquine use. Some patients reported recurrence of psychiatric and vestibular symptoms when they took mefloquine for the second time. Patients who experienced vestibular symptoms usually had concomitant psychiatric symptoms such as anxiety, confusion, paranoia, and depression. Some of the psychiatric symptoms persisted for months to years after mefloquine was discontinued.

FDA will continue to evaluate the safety of mefloquine and will communicate again if additional information becomes available.

EXHIBIT D



# THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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17 Jan 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (M&RA)
COMMANDER, JOINT TASK FORCE NATIONAL CAPITAL
REGION MEDICAL

SUBJECT: Service Review of Mefloquine Prescribing Practices

Some deploying Service members have been provided mefloquine for malaria prophylaxis without appropriate documentation in their medical records and without proper screening for contraindications. In addition, not all individuals have been provided the required mefloquine medication guide and wallet information card, as required by the Food and Drug Administration. Providing our Service members with the highest quality care is one of the most important things we do; thus, it is incumbent upon us to ensure our Service members are appropriately screened and informed about the medicines they are taking, and we must accurately record their prescriptions in their medical records.

The Department of Defense Instruction 6490.03, "Deployment Health," dated August 11, 2006, addresses the administration of Force Health Protection prescription products and remains in effect. It requires qualified personnel to dispense all Force Health Protection prescription products under a prescription, and that the prescription be recorded in individual medical records.

Please review your Service's quality assurance procedures for the use of mefloquine, with particular emphasis placed on screening for contraindications, documentation of patient education, and documentation of mefloquine prescriptions in medical records. The contraindications for mefloquine use are discussed in the attached Health Affairs Policy 09-017, "Policy Memorandum on the Use of Mefloquine (Lariam®) in Malaria Prophylaxis." Your review should include mefloquine dispensed at medical treatment facilities, pre-deployment processing locations, and in deployed locations. Your review also should confirm that your health care providers understand the important screening and documentation requirements associated with prescribing mefloquine.

Please provide me with the results of your review within 90 days of this memorandum, including deficiencies identified, and measures taken to correct them, along with a copy of any updated Service-wide policies addressing these issues. The point of contact for this matter is COL Scott Stanek. COL Stanek may be reached at (703) 575-2669, or Scott.Stanek@tma.osd.mil.

Jonathan Woodson, M.D.

Attachments: As stated

Cc:
Surgeon General of the Army
Surgeon General of the Navy
Surgeon General of the Air Force
Medical Officer of the Marine Corps
Joint Staff Surgeon

**EXHIBIT E** 



# FDA - Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS)

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Outcomes: OT

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Mfr Rcvd Date: 29-Mar-2012

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Patient Information:

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Suspect Products:

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HOMICIDE

#### Event/Problem Narrative:

Initial Information for this Spontaneous case, AER number 1054403, was received on 29/Mar/2012 from a Pharmacist and concerns a patient of unknown demographics who was treated with Mefloquine Hydrochloride (Lariam) for an unknown indication. Medical history included TBI (Traumatic brain injury). No concurrent illnesses were reported. No concomitant medications or past drugs were reported. On an unknown date, the patient started Mefloquine Hydrochloride (dose, form and frequency not reported). On an unknown date the patient who was a soldier in the US Army developed homicidal behavior and led to Homicide killing 17 Afghanis. It was reported that this patient was administered Mefloquine in direct contradiction to US military rules that Mefloquine should not be given to soldiers who had suffered TBI (Traumatic brain injury) due to its propensity to cross blood brain barriers inciting psychotic, homicidal or suicidal behavior. The outcome of Homicide was not Reported. There was insufficient information regarding the therapy ongoing status of Mefloquine Hydrochloride. The reporter did not provide the seriousness criteria of the event of Homicide and its causal relationship with Mefloquine Hydrochloride. The company assessed the event of Homicide as medically significant. No further information was available.

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