

*Geographic Region:* Florida East Coast.

Dated: July 19, 2006.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Foreign Assets Control

#### Unblocking of Specially Designated National, Liberia Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is publishing the name of one person whose property and interests in property have been unblocked pursuant to Executive Order 13348 of July 22, 2004, *Blocking Property of Certain Persons and Prohibiting the Importation of Certain Goods from Liberia*, and pursuant to 31 CFR 501.807.

**DATES:** The unblocking and removal from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons by the Secretary of the Treasury of the person identified in this notice whose property and interests in property were blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13348 of July 22, 2004, occurred on June 12, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Houghton, Assistant Director, Designation Investigations, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, tel.: 202/622-2420.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC's Web site (<http://www.treas.gov/ofac>) or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on demand service, tel.: (202) 622-0077.

##### Background

On July 22, 2004, President Bush issued Executive Order 13348 ("the order" or "EO 13348"), finding that the actions and policies of former Liberian President Charles Taylor and other persons, in particular their unlawful depletion of Liberian resources and their removal from Liberia, undermined Liberia's transition to democracy, the orderly development of Liberia's political, administrative, and economic

institutions and resources, and fueled and exacerbated other conflicts throughout West Africa. The President found that the actions, policies, and circumstances described above constituted an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States and declared a national emergency to deal with that threat.

The order included 28 persons in the Annex, which resulted in the blocking of all property or interests in property of these persons that was or thereafter came within the United States or the possession or control of U.S. persons. The order authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to designate additional persons or entities determined to meet certain criteria set forth in EO 13348.

The order also authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to determine that circumstances no longer warrant the inclusion of a person in the Annex to EO 13348 and to unblock any property or interests in property that had been blocked as a result of the person's inclusion in the Annex.

On June 12, 2006, the Acting Director of OFAC, in consultation with the State Department, removed from the Annex and list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons the person listed below, whose property and interests in property were blocked pursuant to EO 13348.

The list of the unblocked person follows:

1. Abbas Fawaz

Dated: July 18, 2006.

**Barbara C. Hammerle,**

*Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses will meet on August 14-15, 2006 in room 230, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The sessions will convene at 8 a.m. each day and adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on

August 14, and at 3:30 p.m. on August 15. Sessions will be open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on research plans and research strategies relating to the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Gulf War.

The Committee will review VA program activities related to Gulf War veterans' illnesses and updates on scientific research on Gulf War illnesses published since the last committee meeting. Additionally, there will be presentations and discussion of changes in immune function and inflammation and immune responses in the central nervous system associated with chronic multisymptom illnesses and/or chemical exposures.

Members of the public may provide up to 5 minute statements during the period reserved for public comments. They may also submit, at the time of the meeting, a 1-2 page summary of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Dr. William Goldberg, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 254-0294.

Dated: July 17, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riggan,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that meetings of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will be held on August 28-31, 2006 at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel, Washington, DC. The sessions are scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. each day.

The purpose of the Board is to review rehabilitation research and development applications for scientific and technical merit and to make recommendations to the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, regarding their funding.

The meeting will be open to the public for the August 28, 2006 and August 30, 2006 sessions from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. for the discussion of

administrative matters, the general status of the program and the administrative details of the review process. The meeting will be closed on August 28 through August 29 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on August 30 through August 31 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for the Board's review of research and development applications.

This review involves oral comments, discussion of site visits, staff and consultant critiques of proposed research protocols, and similar analytical documents that necessitate the consideration of the personal qualifications, performance and competence of individual research

investigators. Disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Disclosure would also reveal research proposals and research underway which could lead to the loss of these projects to third parties and thereby frustrate future agency research efforts.

Thus, the closing is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), and (c)(9)(B) and the determination of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs under Sections 10(d) of Public Law 92-463 as amended by Section 5(c) of Public Law 94-409.

Those who plan to attend the open sessions should contact Dr. Denise Burton, Designated Federal Officer, Portfolio Manager, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, (122P), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 254-0268.

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By direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riggins,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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