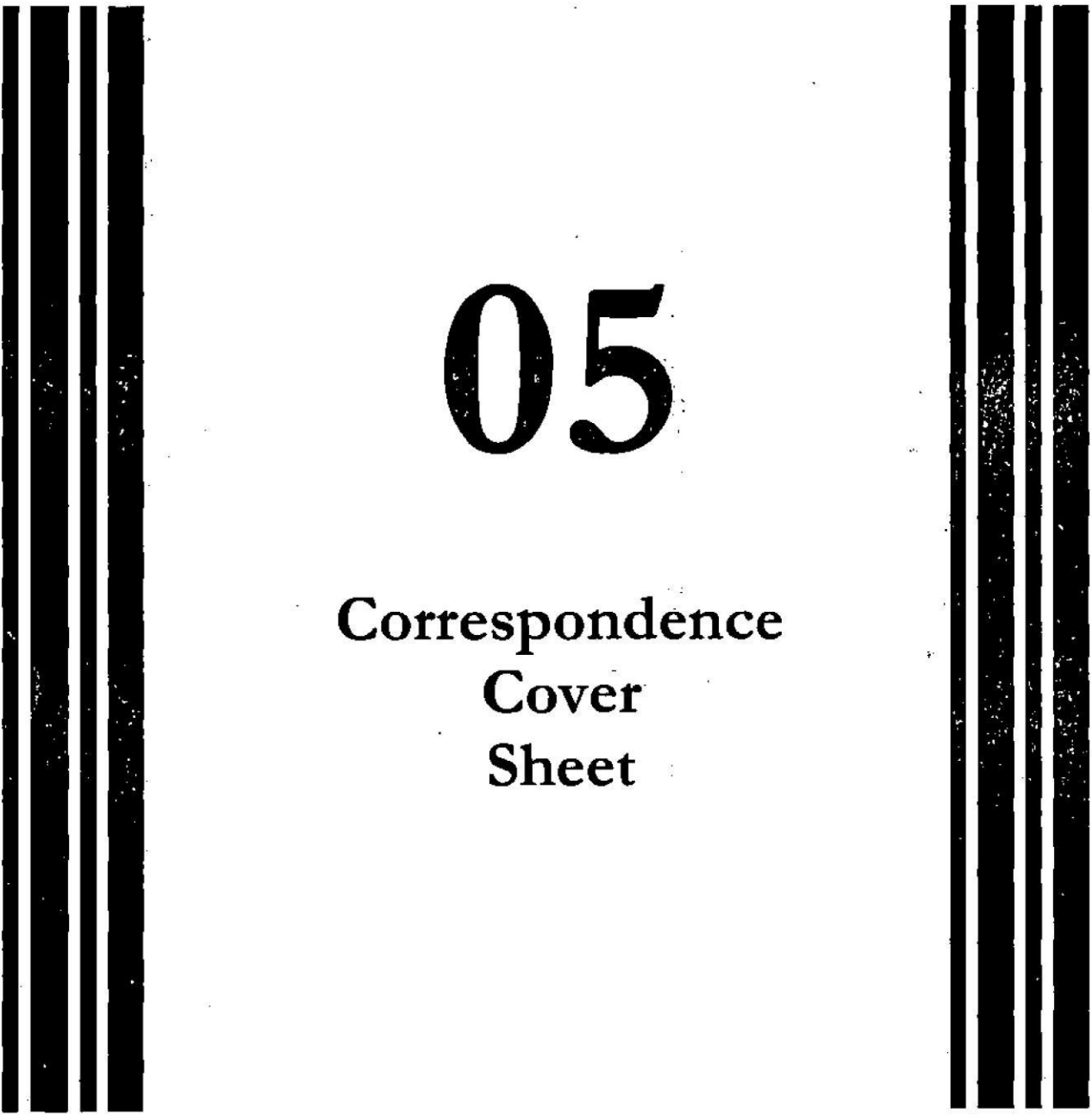




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President Barack Obama
"Justice is Done"
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

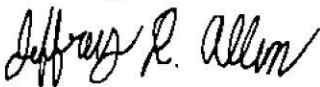
"We are not born, we do not live for ourselves alone; our country, our friends, our freedom, have a share in us" (Cicero, *De Officiis*). God did not put people on Earth to destroy each other, but to live in peace with one another. But in this world, peace equals war. When Al Qaeda decided to fly two planes into the World Trade Center on September 11th, 2001 America's heart was attacked. "Whether we bring our enemies to justice, or justice to our enemies, justice will be done" (President Bush).

Lives were lost in the war on terror, but now, since almost everyone is out of the Middle East, we can reflect on the long thirteen years. Many think that the war against terrorism wasn't needed, but I say that if we had done nothing that would have emboldened other terrorist groups to arise. On May 1st, 2011 I was watching television when breaking news came in about the U.S. killing Osama Bin Laden. I watched your new conference about the raid, and I had a feeling in my stomach of American pride, giving me chills down my spine. I fully support our action against terrorism and for operations within the war on terrorism.

Some people in the United States say that it's the most unpopular war and that we shouldn't be in the Middle East. People that say those kinds of things make me shake my head. Men and women are risking their lives to keep the American people safe at home. I knew that when you became president, that killing Osama Bin Laden was one of your main goals before you left office. I believe you have the respect and trust of many American families who trust you with military action. Killing Osama Bin Laden gave America the news they wanted to hear. It was a step toward ending the war on terror and stop attacks around the globe. Finally, it gave the victims' families closure and a sense of justice when the brave Seal Team Six moved in to risk their lives and kill the most wanted man on the planet. It brought America back together and made us stronger than ever.

In conclusion, I support all of our military actions in the Middle East because overall, it has become a safer world since the United States has intervened. I believe that killing Osama Bin Laden has struck a blow to the heart of Al Qaeda, and now we are in a better position to eliminate it completely. If we do this, I believe that it will send a message to other terrorist groups around the globe to think twice before attacking America or our allies across the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey R. Allen".

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