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### **Clive Stafford Smith- List of Prisoners Kept Secret**

You know of course the U.S. wasn't publishing a list of prisoners in Guantanamo. We didn't get a list of prisoners until May the 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006. So it wasn't for another four and a half years. So we had to find out who these people were. You know, that was something that offended me: that a democratic government would bang up a bunch of people in prison and keep secret who they were. I mean, you know, how Stalinist can you get? So I was annoyed with that.

But the way you would find out about it was the U.S. would tell the British government that they had British people, the British government would then tell the families, the families would go to British lawyers, in this case Gareth Peirce. And Gareth got involved with us, contacted us, and she gave us authorizations. And so those were the first clients, and that's why it was Rasul vs. Bush. Shafiq was the first person whose family gave us an authorization.