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Moazzam Begg was unlawfully detained in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Guantánamo Bay for three years

I think what President Bush did with the statement was to reaffirm what we've always said, and that is the existence of ghost detention sites. And if these detainees are being sent to Guantánamo, where are they being sent to Guantánamo from? That, to this point, remains secret, we have no idea. And I think that one of the lessons, if we can call it a lesson, that the USA has learnt from Guantánamo is that there places that you don't tell people about.

Guantánamo now is almost this place that is becoming acceptable because these other places are so much worse and so much sinister. And the question we all must ask is that why do they exist?

Guantánamo Bay for me still was not the worse of my experience of incarceration on US custody. The 'black holes' of detention like Bagram and Kandahar and elsewhere are the real places where the worse abuse takes place.

The biggest problem or the biggest suffering everybody has in Guantánamo Bay I think now at this point is the sheer lack of any ability to prove your innocence because you remain in limbo, in legal limbo, and have no communication at all, no meaningful communication with your family. So that months, sometimes years, on end go by and you have had no communication at all with your family.

And we know that even some of the worse convicted criminals on Earth at least get the rights of visitation.

Moazzam Begg was released without charge in January 2005 and reunited with his family.