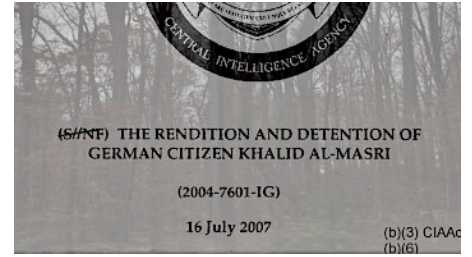




THE EL-MASRI CASE

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SYNOPSIS

In 2004, Khaled El Masri was illegally abducted by the CIA and taken to a secret prison near Kabul. His case brought the CIA's worldwide so called "rendition program" to light. We tell this political thriller for the first time.

In 2004, while on a bus trip close to the Macedonien border, German citizen Khaled El Masri disappeared. He was kidnapped by the CIA and taken to a secret prison near Kabul. Five months later, he was released in a forest in Albania. El Masri was an innocent man. His case was the main reason why the CIA's worldwide "rendition programme" came to light. Its agents were forcibly taking suspected terrorists to secret locations and torturing them in order to extract confessions and obtain information. It then became clear that ever since the attacks on September 11, moral categories within the US intelligence services had shifted and that the extent of violence used during the CIA operations was out of control. With the support of human rights lawyers...

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