

I'm pleased to report that Congress today passed a defense bill that prohibits through September 2011 the Obama Administration from transferring terrorist suspects held at Guantanamo Bay Cuba to the United States. Immediately upon taking office, President Obama pledged to close the detention facility in Cuba within one year and subsequently expressed support for trying terrorist suspects in U.S. civilian courts. Congress initially blocked the President's plan in May 2009 and did so again after the Administration in November failed to convict Ahmed Ghailani in a U.S. civilian court for his role in murdering 224 people during the 1998 attacks on U.S. embassies in East Africa. I will continue to fight against the Administration's efforts to bring terrorist suspects to the United States and afford them with U.S. constitutional protections.