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- I began to see just how much the people who are in prison down there had been dehumanized, before I had even met them. And I immediately made the connection at that point in time with how that happens to recruits coming into the Navy as well. And so, I think even before it became something conscious, I had started acting in a different way, almost in a sense trying to redeem myself, for the the level that I had stooped to. Not in any specific action, but in my mindset, while I had been down in GTMO. I began to see that, you know what, thinking that, this detainee has a life 'cause he can get medications 24-7, is really missing the picture when he's been locked up for years without any trial or charges or anything else being brought against him. Yeah, that (laughs), those types of insights started sinking in. And, I mean, the last thing for me was accepting the fact that I was ultimately, you know, personally responsible for not having questioned things while I was down there. And that was kind of the last step of the process for me. And that was even after I had come to the conclusion that, in my mind, war can't be morally justified. The last piece of the puzzle was where it got really personal. And I had to admit that, you know, I personally bore responsibility for having helped to perpetrate what I view as rights violations.