

INDICTMENT

NEW REPUBLIC MILITARY TRIBUNAL

THE REBEL ALLIANCE, CHANDRILA, NABOO, CORELLIA, KASHYYYK, LOTHAL, BESPIN, BOTHAWUI, CALAMARI, CANTROS 7, CHAMPALA, CHANDRILA, DRESSEL, DURO, ELOM, GODO, HERDESSA, THE HIROMI HOMEWORLD, KABRAY, KEYORIN, KOTHLIS, LAHSBANE

-against-

FIRST GALACTIC EMPIRE, GENERAL STAFF AND HIGH COMMAND OF THE IMPERIAL ARMED FORCES, GRAND MOFF RANDD, MOFF GIDEON, FLEET ADMIRAL GALLIUS RAX, GRAND ADMIRAL RAE SLOAN, GRAND ADMIRAL THRAWN, CAPTAIN GILAD PELLAEON, GENERAL HODNAR BORRUM, COMMANDANT BRENDOLE HUX, FERRIC OBDUR, GENERAL MAXIMILLIAN VEERS, IMPERIAL NAVY, IMPERIAL ARMY, 501 LEGION, IMPERIAL JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, IMPERIAL SECURITY BUREAU, INQUISITORIUS (ALSO KNOWN AS THE INQUISITORIUS PROGRAM, THE ORDER OF INQUISITORS, THE INQUISITOR CORPS, THE IMPERIAL INQUISITION, OR SIMPLY INQUISITION), AND THE SHADOW COUNCIL.

I. The Planets of the Rebel Alliance, duly appointed to represent their respective Governments in the investigation of the charges against and the prosecution of the major war criminals, pursuant to the Agreement of Jakku, and the Charter of this Tribunal annexed thereto, hereby accuse as guilty, in the respects hereinafter set forth, of Crimes against Peace, War Crimes, and Crimes against Humanity, and of a Common Plan or Conspiracy to commit those Crimes, all as defined in the Charter of the Tribunal, and accordingly name as defendants in this cause and as indicted on the counts hereinafter set out: GRAND MOFF RANDD, MOFF GIDEON, FLEET ADMIRAL GALLIUS RAX, GRAND ADMIRAL RAE SLOAN, GRAND ADMIRAL THRAWN, CAPTAIN GILAD PELLAEON, GENERAL HODNAR BORRUM, COMMANDANT BRENDOLE HUX, FERRIC OBDUR, GENERAL MAXIMILLIAN VEERS, individually and as members of any of the groups or organizations next hereinafter named.

II. The following are named as groups or organizations (since dissolved) which should be declared criminal by reason of their aims and the means used for the accomplishment thereof and in connection with the conviction of such of the named defendants as were members thereof: FIRST GALACTIC EMPIRE, GENERAL STAFF AND HIGH COMMAND OF THE IMPERIAL ARMED FORCES, IMPERIAL NAVY, IMPERIAL ARMY, JOINT CHIEFS OF THE IMPERIAL MILITARY, IMPERIAL SECURITY BUREAU, INQUISITORIUS (ALSO KNOWN AS THE INQUISITORIUS PROGRAM, THE ORDER OF INQUISITORS, THE INQUISITOR CORPS, THE IMPERIAL INQUISITION, OR SIMPLY INQUISITION), AND THE SHADOW COUNCIL.

The identity and membership of the groups or organizations referred to in the foregoing titles are hereinafter in Appendix B more particularly defined.

Appendix B

VEERS:

The Defendant VEERS between 19 BBY and 3ABY was: a member of the Imperial Officer Corps, 501st Legion, and Joint Chiefs of the Imperial Military.

The defendant VEERS used the foregoing positions, his personal influence, and his intimate connection with the DARTH VADER in such a manner that: He promoted the preparations for war set forth in Count One of the Indictment; he participated in the military planning and preparation of the Imperial conspirators for Wars of Aggression and Wars in Violation of International Treaties, Agreements, and Assurances set forth in Count One and Count Two of the Indictment; and he authorized, directed, and participated in the War Crimes set forth in Count Three of the Indictment, including particularly the crimes against persons and property on the High Seas.

GENERAL STAFF AND HIGH COMMAND OF THE IMPERIAL ARMED FORCES

The "General Staff and High Command of the Imperial Armed Forces" referred to in the Indictment consist of those individuals who between BBY19 and ABY 7 were the highest commanders of the Imperial, the Army and Navy. The individuals comprising this group are the persons who held the following appointments:

Commander in Chief of the Navy;;

Chief of Naval War Staff;

Commander in Chief of the Army;

Chief of the General Staff of the Army;

Chief of the High Command of the Armed Forces;

Chief of the Operations Staff of the High Command of the Armed Forces;

Deputy Chief of the Operations Staff of the High Command of the Armed Forces;

Commanders-in-Chief in the field of the Imperial Navy and Army.

Functioning in such capacities and in association as a group at the highest level in the Imperial Armed Forces Organization these persons had a major responsibility for the planning, preparation, initiation, and waging of illegal wars as set forth in Counts One and Two of the

Indictment and for the War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity involved in the execution of the common plan or conspiracy set forth in Counts Three and Four of the Indictment.

COUNT ONE: THE COMMON PLAN OR CONSPIRACY

III. Statement of the Offense

All the defendants, with divers other persons, during a period of years preceding ABY 7, participated as leaders, organizers, instigators, or accomplices in the formulation or execution of a common plan or conspiracy to commit, or which involved the commission of, Crimes against Peace, War Crimes, and Crimes against Humanity, as defined in the Charter of this Tribunal, and, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter, are individually responsible for their own acts and for all acts committed by any persons in the execution of such plan or conspiracy. The common plan or conspiracy embraced the commission of Crimes against Peace, in that the defendants planned, prepared, initiated, and waged wars of aggression, which were also wars in violation of international treaties, agreements, or assurances. In the development and course of the common plan or conspiracy it came to embrace the commission of War Crimes, in that it contemplated, and the defendants determined upon and carried out, ruthless wars against countries and populations, in violation of the rules and customs of war, including as typical and systematic means by which the wars were prosecuted, murder, ill-treatment, deportation for slave labor and for other purposes of civilian populations of occupied territories, murder and ill-treatment of prisoners of war and of persons on the high seas, the taking and killing of hostages, the plunder of public and private property, the indiscriminate destruction of cities, towns, and villages, and devastation not justified by military necessity. The common plan or conspiracy contemplated and came to embrace as typical and systematic means, and the defendants determined upon and committed, Crimes against Humanity, both within the Galaxy and within occupied territories, including murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation, and other inhumane acts committed against civilian populations before and during the war, and persecutions on political, racial, or religious grounds, in execution of the plan for preparing and prosecuting aggressive or illegal wars, many of such acts and persecutions being violations of the domestic laws of the countries where perpetrated.

IV. Particulars of the Nature and Development of the Common Plan or Conspiracy

(A) GALACTIC EMPIRE OF PALPATINE AS THE CENTRAL CORE OF THE COMMON PLAN OR CONSPIRACY

In BBY 19 Sheev Palpatine became the Emperor of the First Galactic Empire. He continued as such throughout the period covered by this Indictment. The First Galactic Empire, together with certain of its subsidiary organizations, became the instrument of cohesion among the defendants and their co-conspirators and an instrument for the carrying out of the aims and purposes of their conspiracy. Each defendant became a member of the First Galactic Empire and of the conspiracy, with knowledge of their aims and purposes, or, with such knowledge, became an accessory to their aims and purposes at some stage of the development of the conspiracy.

(B) COMMON OBJECTIVES AND METHODS OF CONSPIRACY

The aims and purposes of the First Galactic Empire and of the defendants and divers other persons from time to time associated as leaders, members, supporters, or adherents of the First Galactic Empire (hereinafter called collectively the "Imperial conspirators") were, or came to be, to accomplish the following by any means deemed opportune, including unlawful means, and contemplating ultimate resort to threat of force, force, and aggressive war: (i) to abrogate and overthrow the Galactic Republic; (ii) to acquire the territories lost by Empire as the result of the Clone Wars; (iii) to acquire still further territories in the Galaxy and elsewhere claimed by the Imperial conspirators to be required by the "racial humans" as living space, all at the expense of neighboring and other countries. The aims and purposes of the Imperial conspirators were not fixed or static but-evolved and expanded as they acquired progressively greater power and became able to make more effective application of threats of force and threats of aggressive war. When their expanding aims and purposes became finally so great as to provoke such strength of resistance as could be overthrown only by armed force and aggressive war, and not simply by the opportunistic methods theretofore used, such as fraud, deceit, threats, intimidation, fifth column activities, and propaganda, the Imperial conspirators deliberately planned, determined upon, and launched their aggressive wars and wars in violation of international treaties, agreements, and assurances by the phases and steps hereinafter more particularly described.

(C) DOCTRINAL TECHNIQUES OF THE COMMON PLAN OR CONSPIRACY

To incite others to join in the common plan or conspiracy, and as a means of securing for the Imperial conspirators the highest degree of control over the Galaxy, they put forth, disseminated, and exploited certain doctrines, among others, as follows:

1. That the Empire were accordingly entitled to subjugate, dominate, or exterminate other "races" and peoples under the Doctrine of Fear;
2. That the Imperial people should be ruled under the Leadership Principle according to which power was to reside in an Emperor from whom sub-leaders were to derive authority in a hierarchical order, each sub-leader to owe unconditional obedience to his immediate superior but to be absolute in his own sphere of jurisdiction; and the power of the leadership was to be unlimited, extending to all phases of public and private life;
3. That war was a noble and necessary activity of the Galactic Empire;

(D) THE ACQUIRING OF TOTALITARIAN CONTROL OF THE REPUBLIC: POLITICAL

1. First steps in acquisition of control of State machinery.

In order to accomplish their aims and purposes, the Imperial conspirators prepared to seize totalitarian control over the Galaxy to assure that no effective resistance against them could arise within the Empire itself.

2. Control acquired.

1. In 19 BBY Sheev Palpatine became Emperor of the First Galactic Empire. After the Gorman Massacre, clauses of the Imperial constitution guaranteeing personal liberty, freedom of speech, of the press, of association and assembly were suspended.

3. Consolidation of control.

(a) The Imperial conspirators reduced the Senate to managing the bureaucracy of government to control star systems.

(b) In order to make their rule secure from attack and to instill fear in the hearts of the Galactic people, the Imperial conspirators established and extended a system of terror against opponents and supposed or suspected opponents of the regime. They imprisoned such persons without judicial process, holding them in forced labor camps, and subjected them to persecution, degradation, despoilment, enslavement, torture, and murder.

(c) The Imperial conspirators placed a considerable number of their dominated organizations on a progressively militarized footing with a view to the rapid transformation and use of such organizations whenever necessary as instruments of war.

(G) WAR CRIMES AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY COMMITTED IN THE COURSE OF EXECUTING THE CONSPIRACY FOR WHICH THE CONSPIRATORS ARE RESPONSIBLE.

1. Beginning with the initiation of the aggressive war on BBY 19, and throughout its extension into wars involving almost the entire world, the Imperial conspirators carried out their common plan or conspiracy to wage war in ruthless and complete disregard and violation of the laws and customs of war. In the course of executing the common plan or conspiracy there were committed the War Crimes detailed hereinafter in Count Three of this Indictment.

2. Beginning with the initiation of their plan to seize and retain total control of the Galaxy State, and thereafter throughout their utilization of that control for foreign aggression, the Imperial conspirators carried out their common plan or conspiracy in ruthless and complete disregard and violation of the laws of humanity. In the course of executing the common plan or conspiracy there were committed the Crimes against Humanity detailed hereinafter in Count Four of this Indictment.

3. By reason of all the foregoing, the defendants with divers other persons are guilty of a common plan or conspiracy for the accomplishment of Crimes against Peace; of a conspiracy to commit Crimes against Humanity in the course of preparation for war and in the course of prosecution of war; and of a conspiracy to commit War Crimes not only against the armed forces of their enemies but also against non-belligerent civilian populations.

(H) INDIVIDUAL, GROUP AND ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OFFENSE STATED IN COUNT ONE

Reference is hereby made to Appendix A of this Indictment for a statement of the responsibility of the individual defendants for the offense set forth in this Count One of the Indictment.

Reference is hereby made to Appendix B of this Indictment for a statement of the responsibility of the groups and organizations named herein as criminal groups and organizations for the offense set forth in this Count One of the Indictment.

COUNT TWO - CRIMES AGAINST PEACE

V. Statement of the Offense

All the defendants with divers other persons, during a period of years preceding ABY 7, participated in the planning, preparation, initiation, and waging of wars of aggression, which were also wars in violation of international treaties, agreements, and assurances.

COUNT THREE - WAR CRIMES

VI. Statement of the Offence

All the defendants committed War Crimes between BBY 19 and ABY 7, in Galaxy and in all those planets and territories occupied by the Imperial Armed Forces since BBY 19.

All the defendants, acting in concert with others, formulated and executed a Common Plan or Conspiracy to commit War Crimes as defined in Article 6 (b) of the Charter. This plan involved, among other things, the practice of "total war" including methods of combat and of military occupation in direct conflict with the laws and customs of war, and the commission of crimes perpetrated on the field of battle during encounters with enemy armies, and against prisoners of war, and in occupied territories against the civilian population of such territories.

The said War Crimes were committed by the defendants and by other persons for whose acts the defendants are responsible (under Article 6 of the Charter) as such other persons when committing the said War Crimes performed their acts in execution of a common plan and conspiracy to commit the said War Crimes, in the formulation and execution of which plan and conspiracy all the defendants participated as leaders, organizers, instigators, and accomplices.

These methods and crimes constituted violations of international conventions, of internal penal laws and of the general principles of criminal law as derived from the criminal law of all civilized nations, and were involved in and part of a systematic course of conduct.

COUNT FOUR-CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

VII. Statement of the Offense

All the defendants committed Crimes against Humanity during a period of years preceding ABY 7 in the Galaxy and in all those systems and territories occupied by the Imperial Armed Forces since BBY 19.

All the defendants, acting in concert with others, formulated and executed a common plan or conspiracy to commit Crimes against Humanity as defined in Article 6 (c) of the Charter. This plan involved, among other things, the murder and persecution of all who were or who were suspected of being hostile to the Imperial Party and all who were or who were suspected of being opposed to the common plan alleged in Count One.

The said Crimes against Humanity were committed by the defendants and by other persons for whose acts the defendants are responsible (under Article 6 of the Charter) as such other persons, when committing the said War Crimes, performed their acts in execution of a common plan and conspiracy to commit the said War Crimes, in the formulation and execution of which plan and conspiracy all the defendants participated as leaders, organizers, instigators, and accomplices.

These methods and crimes constituted violations of international conventions, of internal penal laws, of the general principles of criminal law as derived from the criminal law of all civilized nations and were involved in and part of a systematic course of conduct. The said acts were contrary to Article 6 of the Charter.

The Prosecution will rely upon the facts pleaded under Count Three as also constituting Crimes against Humanity.