

2. Petitioner's response to the Order to Show Cause is currently due December 5, 2008. The Court has granted one other unopposed two-week extension of time for the response. The requested extension is necessitated by the fact that, despite diligent efforts, counsel for Petitioner has not had contact with Petitioner since his transfer to Algeria. It is undersigned counsel's understanding that Petitioner is no longer being detained by the Government of Algeria. Undersigned counsel has coordinated diligently with a lawyer in Algeria to establish contact with Petitioner, but such efforts have thus far been unsuccessful. It remains important for counsel to have the opportunity to confer with Petitioner before responding to the Order to Show Cause.

3. The requested extension will not cause prejudice to any party.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests a two-week extension of time, from December 5, 2008, to and including December 19, 2008, within which to respond to the Order to Show Cause. A proposed order is attached.

Dated: December 4, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on December 4, 2008, I served a copy of the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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