IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

| ABDUL AL RAHMAN AL ZIAHRI, |) |
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| AKA ABDURAHMAN LNU |) |
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| Detainee, |) |
| |) |
| Petitioner, |) Civil Action No. 09-745 (RCL) |
| v. |) |
| |) |
| BARACK H. OBAMA, et al., |) |
| |) |
| Respondents. |) |
| |) |

DECLARATION BY COUNSEL REGARDING AUTHORIZATION

- Undersigned counsel, Darin Thompson and Jonathan Witmer-Rich, make this declaration based on personal knowledge. We are appointed counsel for Petitioner Abdul Al Rahman Al Ziahri, a.k.a. Abudrahman LNU (ISN 441).
- 2. On May 12, 2009, we met with Mr. Al Ziahri. During this meeting, Mr. Al Ziahri expressly and repeatedly authorized us to proceed in this case on his behalf.
- 3. Counsel are still in the process of building rapport with Mr. Ziahri and thus did not request a signed authorization at this visit.

June 4, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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