IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

| IN RE: |) |
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| GUANTANAMO BAY DETAINEE LITIGATION |) Misc. No. 08-442 (TFH))) |
| ABDUL RAHMAN AL QYATI, et al., |)) |
| Petitioners, |) Civil Action No. 08-cv-2019 (RBW) |
| v. |)) |
| BARACK H. OBAMA, et al., |) |
| Respondents. | <u>'</u> |

DECLARATION OF DAROLD W. KILLMER REGARDING SAAD MASIR MUKBL AL AZANI (ISN 575)

Darold W. Killmer declares as follows pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:

- 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of Colorado. I am a partner in the law firm of KILLMER, LANE & NEWMAN, LLP and I represent five clients who remain detained at Guantanamo Bay, including Mr. Al Azani (ISN 575).
- 2. Saad Masir Mukbl Al Azani (ISN 575) filed his Petition for Habeas Corpus on November 18, 2008. KILLMER, LANE & NEWMAN, LLP was authorized to represent Mr. Al Azani by a valid authorization from a "next friend" pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2242. Petitioner's "next friend," Sami al-Hajj, was a fellow detainee knowledgeable about Mr. Al Azani's situation.¹

¹ Mr. al-Hajj submitted an updated Declaration on April 21, 2009 detailing his continued willingness to act as Mr. Al Azani's "next friend." *See* Doc. 85-2.

- 3. My partner, Mari Newman, and I have traveled to Guantanamo Bay four times to meet with our clients, beginning in August 2007. During our first visit in August 2007 Mr. Al Azani agreed to meet with us but was at that time unwilling to sign any document or specifically authorize our representation of him.
- 4. During the next two trips to Guantanamo Bay -- in March 2008 and January 2009 -- Mr. Al Azani refused to meet with us.
- 5. Following a hearing on the Government's Motion to Stay Proceedings
 Pending Evidence of Direct Authorization of Representation, this Court entered an Order
 Granting Petitioners' Counsel An Expeditious, Unobstructed, Face-To-Face Visit With
 Petitioners Saad Masir Mukbl Al Azani (ISN 575) And Abdul Rahman Umir Al Qyati
 (ISN 461).
- 6. My partner and I again traveled to Guantanamo Bay the week of June 8, 2009 to meet with our clients. On June 10, 2009 we were able to secure a face-to-face meeting with Mr. Al Azani. During this meeting undersigned counsel fully informed Mr. Al Azani of his right to representation and of all of the actions undersigned counsel had taken on his behalf and in his interest, both in the above-captioned habeas corpus proceeding and out of court in the efforts to secure his release and repatriation to Yemen or another suitable county. Mr. Al Azani consented to our continued legal representation of him in these and other efforts.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 22nd day of June 2009.



| STATE OF COLORADO |) |
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| |) ss. |
| COUNTY OF Verner |) |

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Darold W. Killmer this <u>22</u> day of <u>2009</u>. Witness my hand and official seal:

Notary Public

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