# **EXHIBIT 2**

## I. Petitioners' Response to the Court's August 19, 2008 Minute Order

The *habeas corpus* petition of Petitioners Abdul Nasser (ISN 278), Abdul Sabour (ISN 275), Abdul Semet (ISN 295), Hammad Memet (ISN 328), Huzaifa Parhat (ISN 320), Jalal Jalaldin (ISN 285), Khalid Ali (ISN 280) and Sabir Osman (ISN 282) was originally filed pursuant to a Next Friend Authorization executed on March 10, 2005 by fellow Guantánamo prisoner Jamal Kiyemba. (attached herewith as Exh. A). The *habeas* petition of Petitioner Edham Mamet (ISN 102) was originally filed pursuant to a Next Friend Authorization executed on August 2, 2005 by Petitioner Mamet's brother Ibrahim Mamet. (attached herewith as Exh. B). The *habeas* petitions of Petitioners Bahtiyar Mahnut (ISN 277), Arkin Mahmud (ISN 103), Abdur Razakah (ISN 219), Ahmad Tourson (ISN 201), Anwar Hassan (ISN 250), Dawut Abdurehim (ISN 289), Abdul Ghappar Abdul Rahman (ISN 281) and Adel Noori (ISN 584) were originally filed pursuant to a Next Friend Authorization executed on May 1, 2005 by fellow Guantánamo prisoner Usama Hasan Abu Kabir. (attached herewith as Exh. C).

Subsequent to the filing of their *habeas* petition, Petitioners Huzaifa Parhat, Abdul Semet, Sabir Osman and Abdul Ghappar Abdul Rahman provided their counsel with direct written authorization to pursue their actions. Petitioners Parhat, Semet, Osman and Abdul Rahman will filed these authorizations with the Court on or before September 29, 2008 pursuant to Judge Hogan's July 29, 2008 Order, see *In re Guantanamo Bay Detainee Litigation*, July 29, 2008 Order (Misc. No. 08-442) at 2 (dkt. no. 210) (the "July 29, 2008 Order"), or on such date as this Court may direct.

Petitioner Bahtiyar Mahnut's petition is further authorized by an additional oral Next Friend Authorization provided by Petitioner Mahnut's brother and fellow Petitioner Arkin Mahmud to counsel during a client meeting with Petitioner Mahmud.

Subsequent to the filing of their *habeas* petitions, Petitioners Abdul Nasser, Hammad Memet, Jalal Jalaldin, Khalid Ali, Arkin Mahmud, Ahmad Tourson, Anwar Hassan, Dawut Abdurehim and Adel Noori provided their counsel with direct oral authorization to pursue their actions. Petitioners Nasser, Memet, Jalaldin, Ali, Mahmud, Hassan, Abdurehim and Noori will file affidavits attesting to these authorizations with the Court on or before September 29, 2008 pursuant to the July 29, 2008 Order, or on such date as this Court may direct. Petitioner Tourson will file an affidavit attesting to his authorization with the Court on or before October 17, 2008 pursuant to Judge Hogan's August 19, 2008 Order, see *In re Guantanamo Bay Detainee Litigation*, Aug. 19, 2008 Minute Order (Misc. No. 08-442) (the "August 19, 2008 Order"), or on such date as this Court may direct.

Petitioners Abdul Sabour, Edham Mamet, Bahtiyar Mahnut and Abdur Razakah have thus far declined to meet with their counsel. However, none of these Petitioners have stated to counsel in writing or otherwise that they do not wish counsel to advocate for their release from Guantánamo. Counsel will continue to exercise best efforts to secure direct authorizations from these Petitioners and will advise the Court as to status of these efforts with respect to Petitioners Sabour, Mamet and Mahnut on or before September 29, 2008 pursuant to the July 29, 2008 Order, and with respect to Petitioner Razakah on or before October 17, 2008 pursuant to the August 19, 2008 Order, or on such date as this Court may direct.

Additionally, Petitioners Sabour, Mamet, Mahnut and Razakah note that they have provided the Court with Next Friend Authorizations pursuant to which their respective *habeas* petitions were brought in accordance with Respondents' own procedures in securing a next friend to represent them, and accordingly, these authorizations are sufficient and valid. Following the decisions in *Rasul v. Bush*, 542 U.S. 466 (2004) and *Hamdi v. Rumsfeld*, 542 U.S.

507 (2004), the government began to notify detainees of their right to challenge the legality of their detention by filing *habeas corpus* petitions in federal court. The government provided each detainee with written notice, which reads in pertinent part:

You may ask a civilian judge to look at the lawfulness of your detention through a process called a *petition for a writ of habeas corpus*. You **may ask a friend** or family member or a lawyer to file such a petition with the court. If you do not have a lawyer or a family member or a **friend** who could file this petition for you, you may file your own petition. (Emphasis added.)

Attachment A to the Declaration of Frank Schweigart dated August 31, 2005, filed as Exhibit B to the government's Motion to Show Cause Why Case Should Not Be Dismissed for Lack of Proper Next Friend Standing, filed, in (among other cases) *Kabir v. Bush*, 05-cv-1704.

Thus, the government explicitly recognized that a next friend petition is a valid option. It is significant that the Notice does not explain what a *petition for writ of habeas corpus* is, let alone how detainees should go about obtaining a lawyer. Obviously, asking a friend, the first option offered by the government, was the only route available to a detainee cut off from family and ignorant of the law.

Counsel anticipate that they may not be able to obtain further direct written authorizations because these men are wary of signing any documents. After nearly seven years of confinement under cruel conditions, and after many false assurances of imminent release, the men exhibit signs of paranoia, are mistrustful of the court system and typically decline to sign anything in writing. In addition, the refusal of some men to meet with counsel is typical of prisoners on death-row or other dire circumstances where a man is given few options or choices. In those cases, according to counsel familiar with such prisoners, the man will occasionally refuse counsel, or will fire counsel, because it is one of the few choices that he can freely make.

Of course, such an action demonstrates that the client is not able to make proper or reasonable choices.

Counsel would welcome the opportunity to supplement their response to Court's August 19, 2008 Order.

# EXHIBIT A

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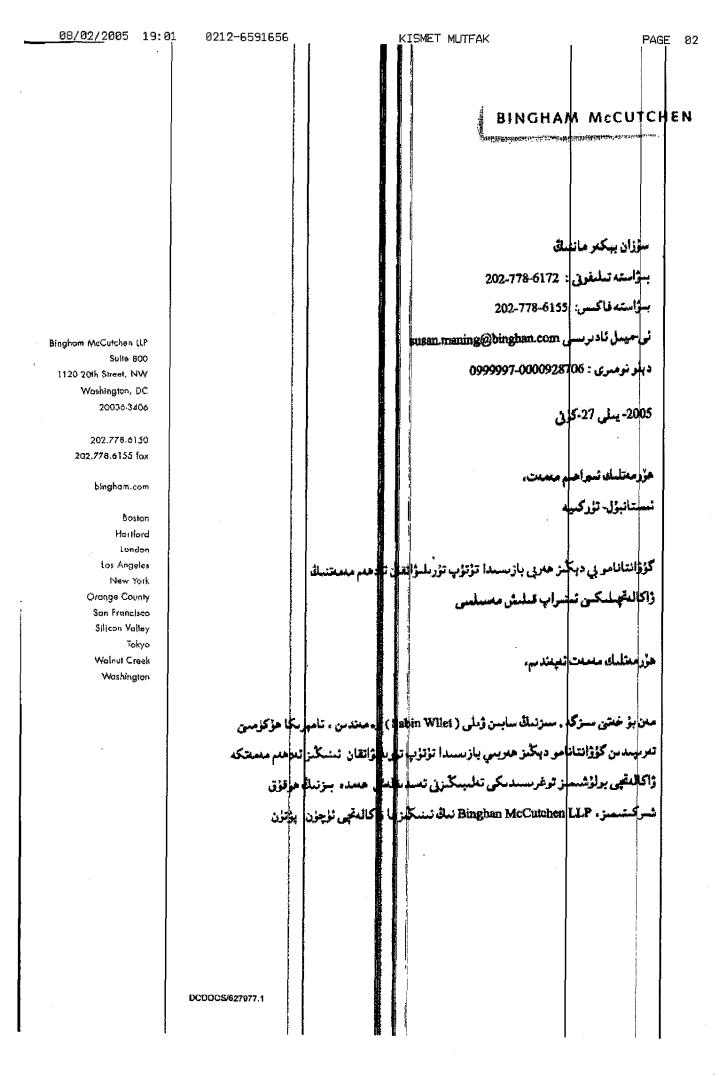
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### **EXHIBIT B**

Susan Baker Manning Direct Phone: (202) 778-6172 Direct Fax: (202) 778-6155 susan.manning@bingham.com Our File No.: 0999997-0000928706 July 25, 2005 VIA FACSIMILE Bingham McCutchen LLP Suite 800 Mr. Ibrahim Mamet 1120 20th Street, NW Istanbul, Turkey Washington, DC 20036-3406 Re: Acknowledgement of Representation Edham Mamet, Detainee - Guantánamo Bay Naval Station 202.778.6150 Ibrahim Mamet, Next Friend of Edham Mamet 202.778.6155 fax Dear Mr. Mamet: bingham.com I write to confirm that you have asked Sabin Willet and I to represent your brother, Edham Mamet, in connection with his incarceration by the United States Government at Boston the Guantánamo Bay Naval Station, and that our law firm, Bingham McCutchen LLP, is Hartford authorized to take all appropriate action related to the representation, including but not London limited to filing a habeas corpus petition seeking Edham's release. On behalf of tos Angeles Bingham McCutchen, Sabin and I have agreed to the representation. New York Orange County Please acknowledge this agreed representation by signing and dating where indicated San Francisco below. Please return the signed letter to me via facsimile to (202) 778-6155. Silicon Valley Tokyo Walnut Creek Sincerely yours, Washington Susan Baker Manning ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED. Dated: , 2005

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