

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN RE:

GUANTANAMO BAY
DETAINEE LITIGATION

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: Misc. No. 08-442 (TFH)
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ABDUL GHAFAR, *et al.*,

Petitioners,

v.

GEORGE W. BUSH, *et al.*,

Respondents.

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: Civil Action No. 08-1310 (RMU)
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DECLARATION OF SEEMA SAIFEE

I, Seema Saiffee, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney at Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, 1177 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036 (“Kramer Levin”). Along with the Center for Constitutional Rights, Kramer Levin is counsel to Petitioner Abdul Ghappar Abdul Rahman (“Petitioner”) in the above-captioned petition for a writ of *habeas corpus*.

2. I have met with Petitioner at the U.S. Naval Station in Guantanamo Bay (“Guantánamo”) on three occasions between October 2007 and June 2008. During these meetings, Petitioner has orally provided me and my co-counsel with authorization to serve as his attorneys.

3. Confirming this oral authorization, Petitioner has written letters to me and/or my co-counsel authorizing our legal representation. One of Petitioner's letters, translated into English by a Uighur-language interpreter, is attached hereto in redacted form. *See* Ex. 1. The translation is redacted to omit privileged and confidential attorney-client communications.

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

Executed: New York, New York
September 23, 2008


Seema Saifee

EXHIBIT 1

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Dear Wells,

I am Abdughappar Abdurahman and I received your letter dated March 6, 2006. You stated in your letter that you are working to help me and other Turkistanis to get released from this prison. We certainly appreciate it and need your continuing assistance.

Redacted

Sincerely,

Abdughappar (ISN)

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