

EXHIBIT B

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

UMAR HAMZAYEVICH ABDULAYEV,)
)
Petitioner,)
)
v.)
)
ROBERT M. GATES,)
Secretary of the Department of Defense,)
)
Respondent.)

No. 08- _____

DECLARATION OF MATTHEW J. O'HARA

Matthew J. O'Hara, first being duly sworn, declares as follows pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:

1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of Illinois, and I am admitted to practice before the bar of this Court. I am a partner in the law firm of Reed Smith LLP.
2. My client Umar Hamzayevich Abdulayev is a prisoner in the prison maintained by the United States military at the U.S. Naval Base at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. I recently met with Mr. Abdulayev at Guantánamo Bay on January 30, 2008. During that meeting, Mr. Abdulayev unequivocally conveyed to me his authority for me and my colleagues at Reed Smith LLP and the Center for Constitutional Rights to represent him in connection with his imprisonment at Guantánamo Bay, including but not limited to filing and prosecuting a petition under the Detainee Treatment Act of 2005 on his behalf.

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

Matthew J O'Hara
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Dated: March 4, 2008