

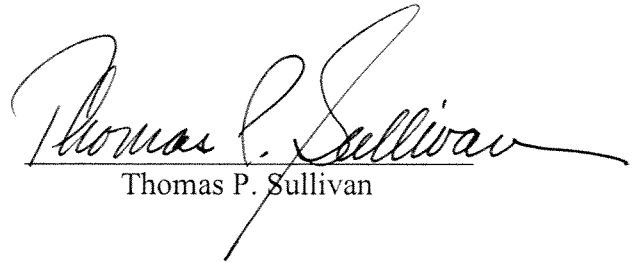
# **EXHIBIT A**

**Declaration of Thomas P. Sullivan**

I, Thomas P. Sullivan, state the following:

1. I am an attorney who represents Abdul-Rahman Sulaeiman, one of the petitioners in *Mohammon v. Bush*, 05-2386, and Achraf Salim Abdessalam, the petitioner in *Abdessalam v. Bush*, 06-1761.
2. On September 30, 2008, I met with Petitioner Abdessalam at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
3. On October 1, 2008, I met with Petitioner Sulaeiman at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
4. During my meetings with Petitioners Abdessalam and Sulaeiman, each of them signed an authorization to pursue the actions for *habeas corpus* that have been filed on their respective behalf.
5. The signed authorizations are not currently in my possession, however. Pursuant to the protective order in this case, notes from the meetings with Petitioners Abdessalam and Sulaeiman, including the signed authorizations, were required to be submitted for review for classified information. The notes and authorizations have not yet been cleared and returned to me.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on October 6, 2008.

  
Thomas P. Sullivan