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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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GUANTÁNAMO BAY DETAINEE LITIGATION	; ; ;	Misc. No. 08-442 (TFH)
MAJID KHAN,	: : :	
Pet	itioner, :	
v.	; ;	Civil Action No. 06 CV 1690 (RBW)
GEORGE W. BUSH, et al.,	•	
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RESPONSE TO THE COURT'S JULY 29, 2008 ORDER

Petitioner Majid Khan, by and through his undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this response to the Court's July 29, 2008 Order (misc. dkt. no. 210).

The petition in this case was filed by Khan's wife, acting as his next friend, on September 29, 2006. There is no serious dispute that Khan's wife had (and still has) standing to act as his next friend, or that the petition is legally valid. Nor is there any serious dispute that a next-friend petition was necessary in light of (1) Khan's capture and enforced disappearance by the United States in March 2003, (2) his abduction, imprisonment and torture by U.S. officials at secret overseas "black sites" operated by the CIA before he was transferred to Guantánamo Bay in September 2006, and (3) the government's refusal to provide Khan any access to his undersigned

counsel until October 2007. Indeed, two years after Khan's next-friend petition was filed, the government continues to deny him access to his counsel in the context of this case.

Khan nevertheless has repeatedly provided undersigned counsel with direct written authority to represent him. After learning through non-legal correspondence that he had counsel in this case, Khan repeatedly demanded access to us through the limited means available to him. He sent us postcards asking for our assistance (see Ex. 1); he wrote directly to counsel for the government requesting our assistance (see Ex. 2); and he requested our assistance in connection with his Combatant Status Review Tribunal Proceedings in April 2007 (see Verbatim Transcript of Combatant Status Review Tribunal Hearing for ISN 10020 (available at http://www.defenselink.mil/news/transcript_ISN10020.pdf)). Khan was so desperate to meet with his counsel that he went on hunger strikes and attempted to commit suicide by chewing through an artery in his elbow when counsel access was initially denied. See Declaration of Gitanjali S. Gutierrez, Khan v. Gates, No. 07-1324 (D.C. Cir. Nov. 29, 2007) (Redacted).

Moreover, since meeting with undersigned counsel in the context of his parallel Detainee Treatment Act ("DTA") case, Khan has not only authorized us to pursue this habeas case on his behalf, he has also authorized us to represent him in the DTA case, in litigation under the Freedom of Information Act, and in connection with any military commission case that may be brought against him. See Ex. 3 (selected documents).

Not once has the government ever questioned our authority to represent Khan. To the contrary, the government has expressly recognized our representation. See Ex. 4.

Accordingly, Khan has more than satisfied any legal requirement that he demonstrate, confirm or clarify his desire to pursue habeas relief.

Dated: New York, New York

September 23, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Counsel for Petitioner:

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Gitanjali S. Gutierrez (Pursuant to LCvR 83.2(g))

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I hereby certify that on September 23, 2008, I caused the foregoing response, with exhibits, to be filed and served on counsel listed below by causing an original and five copies to be delivered to the Court Security Office via overnight mail.

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I, Majid Khan, hereby authorize the Center for Constitutional Rights ("CCR") to provide my legal representation with respect to the Freedom of Information Act request submitted on my behalf. CCR is authorized to receive records on my behalf that are produced, including medical records. CCR will pay further processing.

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From: Warden, Andrew (CIV) [Andrew.Warden@usdoj.gov]

Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2007 4:37 PM

To: Gitanjali Gutierrez; Wells Dixon

Subject: Majid Khan Letter

Gita & Wells,

Today I received a letter addressed to me from petitioner Majld Khan. The postmark on the envelope indicates that the letter was sent from Guantanamo Bay by "Detainee 10020." I have not opened the letter or otherwise read it (the envelope says "x-rayed," which is consistent with DoJ's security policy for incoming mail). In light of your current representation of petitioner Khan, I will send the unopened letter to you via Federal Express. In the event the content of the letter is such that it would be appropriate to share with me, I would appreciate you doing so.

Best regards,

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