UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

SHAFIQ RASUL, et al.	
Petitioners,)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 02-CV-0299 (CKK)
GEORGE WALKER BUSH, President of the United States, et al.,)	
Respondents.)	
FAWZI KHALID ABDULLAH FAHAD) AL ODAH, et al.)	
Plaintiffs,)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 02-CV-0828 (CKK)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.,	
Defendants.)	
MAMDOUH HABIB, et al.,	
Petitioners,)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 02-CV-1130 (CKK)
GEORGE WALKER BUSH,	
President of the United States, et al.,	
Respondents.)	

MURAT KURNAZ, et al.,))
Petitioners, v.) Civil Action No. 04-CV-1135 (ESH)
GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States, et al.,)))
Respondents.)))
O. K., et al.,))
Petitioners,))
v.	Civil Action No. 04-CV-1136 (JDB)
GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States, et al.,)))
Respondents.))
MOAZZAM BEGG, et al.,))
Petitioners, v.	Civil Action No. 04-CV-1137 (RMC)
GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States, et al., Respondents.))))
MOURAD BENCHELLALI, et al.,)))
Petitioners, v.) Civil Action No. 04-CV-1142 (RJL)
GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States, et al.,)))
Respondents.	,))

JAMIL EL-BANNA, et al.,	
Petitioners,)	Civil Action No. 04-CV-1144 (RWR)
GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States, et al., Respondents.	
FALEN GHEREBI, et al.,	
Petitioners,)	Civil Action No. 04-CV-1164 (RBW)
GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States, et al., Respondents.	
LAKHDAR BOUMEDIENE, et al., Petitioners, v.	Civil Action No. 04-CV-1166 (RJL)
GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States, et al., Respondents.	
SUHAIL ABDUL ANAM, et al., Petitioners, v.	Civil Action No. 04-CV-1194 (HHK)
GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States, et al., Respondents.	

ISA ALI ABDULLA ALMURBATI, et al.,	
Petitioners,)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 04-CV-1227 (RBW)
GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States, et al.,	
Respondents.)	
MAHMOAD ABDAH, et al.,	
Petitioners,)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 04-CV-1254 (HHK)
GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States, et al.,)	
Respondents.)	
SALIM AHMED HAMDAN,)	
Petitioner,	
v.)	Civil Action No. 04-CV-1519 (JR)
DONALD RUMSFELD, Secretary of Defense, et al.,	
Respondents.)	

ORDER SETTING STATUS CONFERENCE, BRIEFING SCHEDULE FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER, AND FOR NOTIFICATION OF RELEASED DETAINEES

In an Order issued earlier this date, the Court set forth a briefing schedule for the filing of responsive pleadings showing cause why Writs of Habeas Corpus and the relief sought by Petitioners should not be granted. To expedite the resolution of additional procedural matters in these cases, it is hereby

ORDERED that after consultation and a determined effort of all to reach resolution on most, if not all, protective order issues, counsel shall jointly submit on or before October 7, 2004 a proposed protective order. Should counsel be unable to agree on certain issues relating thereto, the submission shall specify, point by point, the matters remaining in dispute and succinctly summarize the reasons for the conflicting positions.

It has come to the Court's attention, primarily through an article in <u>The New York Times</u> dated September 19, 2004 and titled "35 Guantanamo Detainees Are Given to Pakistan," that the government is undertaking an "effort to return a large number of Guantanamo detainees to their home countries." To ensure the efficient use of the Court's resources and to avoid any unnecessary litigation of moot issues, it is further

ORDERED that counsel for respondents shall notify the Court and counsel for petitioners promptly upon the release of any detainee who has a petition pending before the Court at the time of release. It is further

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ORDERED that there shall be a status conference on October 13, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 2 to discuss outstanding issues in these coordinated cases.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

September 20, 2004

JOYCE HENS GREEN United States District Judge