

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

DAVID M. HICKS,

Petitioner,

v.

GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States;  
DONALD RUMSFELD, United States Secretary of  
Defense; GORDON R. ENGLAND, Secretary of the  
United States Navy; JOHN D. ALTENBURG, JR.,  
Appointing Authority for Military Commissions,  
Department of Defense; Brigadier General JAY  
HOOD, Commander, Joint Task Force, Guantanamo  
Bay, Cuba, and Colonel BRICE A. GYURISKO,  
Commander, Joint Detention Operations Group,  
Joint Task, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Respondents, all sued in their

individual and official capacities.

Civ. Act. No. 1:02-cv-00299-CKK

Judge Kollar-Kotelly

**MOTION FOR FILING OF AFFIDAVIT UNDER SEAL**

Petitioner David M. Hicks, by his undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this Motion to file the affidavit of David Hicks under seal and in support thereof states as follows:

1. On August 5, 2004, Petitioner executed a Declaration ("Hicks Declaration") in connection with the military commission proceedings pending against him, the legality of which is the heart of this case.

2. On this date, Petitioner is filing a Brief in Opposition to Respondents' Motion to Dismiss and in Support of Petitioner's Cross-Motion for Partial Summary Judgment.

The content of the Hicks Declaration is acutely relevant to the arguments made in Petitioner's Brief.

3. The Hicks Declaration is not a classified document. There is nothing in the Declaration that may not be released to the public. Indeed, it is in the public interest that the Declaration be a part of the public record.

4. The Hicks Declaration was released to Major Michael D. Mori, Petitioner's Military Counsel, and other members of Petitioner's legal team with an understanding that it was not for public consumption.

5. As a result, out of an abundance of caution, Petitioner has filed the Declaration under seal with the Clerk of Court, pursuant to Local Rule of Civil Procedure 5.1(j)(1).

6. Nonetheless, we would encourage the Court to unseal the Declaration promptly. A similar declaration was unsealed by the district court of Washington in the analogous case of *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld* (#2:04-cv-00777-RSL). *See* DOCKET # 27 (attached hereto). (That case was subsequently transferred to this court.)

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Washington, D.C.

Respectfully submitted,

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