

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

KHALED A.F. AL ODAH, Next Friend of  
Fawzi Khalid Abdullah Fahad Al Odah, *et*  
*al.*,

Petitioners,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Civil Action No. 02-828 (CKK)

**ORDER**  
(September 17, 2004)

On August 27, 2004, Petitioners filed their Motion to Compel Responsive Pleading and Return Forthwith [66] and their attendant Motion to Expedite [67]. An examination of Petitioners' Motion to Compel indicates that Petitioners are seeking a response from the Government indicating the factual and legal basis of Petitioners' detention.

As an initial matter, the Court takes the opportunity to clarify the intent of its Order issued July 23, 2004, requiring Defendants to file, *inter alia*, "a written response to the Petitioners' underlying petitions for writs of habeas corpus, specifically addressing . . . the legal merits of the Government's entitlement to monitor any of Petitioners' conversations with counsel . . . ." Docket Entry [38]. Subsequently, Petitioners filed their Motion to Compel Responsive Pleading and Return Forthwith [66], in which they allege that the Government is in violation of the Court's July 23, 2004, Order, because the Government has not certified the cause of Petitioners' detention. *See* Docket Entry [66] at 1-2. Contrary to Petitioners' assertion, the Court finds that the Government's response, filed on July 30, 2004, *see* Docket Entry [46], fully complied with the July 23, 2004,

Order.

In any case, Petitioners' Motion to Compel Responsive Pleading and Return Forthwith, and their Motion to Expedite do seek a court order requiring the Government to respond formally at this stage to an order to show cause. It is this Court's understanding that the information Petitioners seek has been the subject of discussions with Judge Joyce Hens Green, and that the Government has agreed to provide Petitioners in this and other cases with all the charges raised against them and the basis for these charges.

Local Civil Rule 40.6(a) permits the judges of this Court to "transfer directly all or part of any case on the judge's docket to any consenting judge." L. Civ. R. 40.6(a). Furthermore, on September 15, 2004, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia adopted a Resolution of the Executive Session, in which the judges agreed to, among other things, transfer cases filed by the detainees held at Guantanamo Bay to Senior Judge Joyce Hens Green for coordination and management, while retaining the cases for all other purposes.

In the interest of facilitating Judge Green's case-coordination process, the Court will transfer this case to Judge Green for her ruling on Petitioners Motion to Compel Responsive Pleading and Return Forthwith [66] and Motion to Expedite [67], as well as for coordination and management as reflected in the September 15, 2004, Resolution of the Executive Session.

/s/  
COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY  
United States District Judge