

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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DAVID M. HICKS,

Petitioner,

v.

GEORGE W. BUSH,

President of the United States,

*et al.*,

Respondents.

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Civil Action No. 02-CV-0299 (CKK)

FAWZI KHALID ABDULLAH FAHAD

AL ODAH, *et al.*

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*et al.*,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 02-CV-0828 (CKK)

MAMDOUH HABIB, *et al.*

Petitioners,

v.

GEORGE WALKER BUSH,

President of the United States,

*et al.*,

Respondents.

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Civil Action No. 02-CV-1130 (CKK)

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MURAT KURNAZ, *et al.*

Petitioners,

v.

GEORGE W. BUSH,  
President of the United States,  
*et al.*,

Respondents.

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Civil Action No. 04-CV-1135 (ESH)

O.K., *et al.*

Petitioners,

v.

GEORGE W. BUSH,  
President of the United States,  
*et al.*,

Respondents.

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Civil Action No. 04-CV-1136 (JDB)

MOAZZAM BEGG, *et al.*

Petitioners,

v.

GEORGE W. BUSH,  
President of the United States,  
*et al.*,

Respondents.

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Civil Action No. 04-CV-1137 (RMC)

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RIDOUANE KHALID, *et al.*

Petitioners,

v.

GEORGE W. BUSH,  
President of the United States,  
*et al.*,

Respondents.

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Civil Action No. 04-CV-1142 (RJL)

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JAMIL EL-BANNA, *et al.*

Petitioners,

v.

GEORGE W. BUSH,  
President of the United States,  
*et al.*,

Respondents.

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Civil Action No. 04-CV-1144 (RWR)

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FALEN GHEREBI, *et al.*

Petitioners,

v.

GEORGE WALKER BUSH,  
  
*et al.*,

Respondents.

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Civil Action No. 04-CV-1164 (RBW)

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LAKHDAR BOUMEDIENE, *et al.*

Petitioners,

v.

GEORGE WALKER BUSH,  
President of the United States,  
*et al.*,

Respondents.

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Civil Action No. 04-CV-1166 (RJL)

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SUHAIL ABDUL ANAM, *et al.*

Petitioners,

v.

GEORGE W. BUSH,  
President of the United States,  
*et al.*,

Respondents.

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Civil Action No. 04-CV-1194 (HHK)

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ISA ALI ABDULLA ALMURBATI, *et al.*

Petitioners,

v.

GEORGE WALKER BUSH,  
President of the United States,  
*et al.*,

Respondents.

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Civil Action No. 04-CV-1227 (RBW)

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| MAHMOAD ABDAH, <i>et al.</i>    | ) |                                   |
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| Petitioners,                    | ) |                                   |
|                                 | ) |                                   |
| v.                              | ) | Civil Action No. 04-CV-1254 (HHK) |
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| GEORGE W. BUSH,                 | ) |                                   |
| President of the United States, | ) |                                   |
| <i>et al.</i> ,                 | ) |                                   |
|                                 | ) |                                   |
| Respondents.                    | ) |                                   |
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| SALIM AHMED HAMDAN,             | ) |                                   |
|                                 | ) |                                   |
| Petitioner,                     | ) |                                   |
|                                 | ) |                                   |
| v.                              | ) | Civil Action No. 04-CV-1510 (JR)  |
|                                 | ) |                                   |
| DONALD RUMSFELD,                | ) |                                   |
| Secretary of Defense,           | ) |                                   |
| <i>et al.</i> ,                 | ) |                                   |
|                                 | ) |                                   |
| Respondents.                    | ) |                                   |
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**JOINT REQUEST TO POSTPONE STATUS CONFERENCE**

Counsel for Respondents and Petitioners in the above-named cases respectfully request that the status conference in these cases currently scheduled for tomorrow, October 13, 2004, be postponed until Wednesday, October 20, 2004, and that a status report with respect to the Protective Order being negotiated by the parties be postponed until the day preceding the status conference.

Counsel for Respondents and Petitioners have made progress in narrowing their differences with respect to the Protective Order but have not yet completed their discussions. Counsel also hope to narrow their other differences with respect to the proposed Counsel Access

Procedures and other issues, including number and frequency of visits by counsel for Petitioners with their clients and issuance of security clearances to counsel for Petitioners. By narrowing their differences in advance of the status conference, the parties hope to leave the Court with as few issues for decision as possible.

In addition, a postponement of the status conference will permit government counsel to be in a better position to report the progress being made with respect to establishing the secure facility it has proposed for use by petitioner's counsel that is satisfactory to the Court and with respect to the government's filing of factual returns with respect to individual petitioner-detainees.

Undersigned counsel for the Abdah group of Petitioners (No. 1:04-cv-1254 (HHK)) has discussed this joint request in conference calls with counsel for Petitioners in the other pending cases. To the best of undersigned counsel's knowledge, no counsel for a Petitioner plans to object to this joint request.

A proposed order is attached.

Dated: October 12, 2004

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