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July 25, 2007

The Honorable William K. Suter  
Clerk of the Court Supreme Court of the United States  
One First Street NE  
Washington, DC 20543

**Re: *Hamdan v. Gates*, No. 07-15**

Dear General Suter:

I am one of the attorneys for Salim Hamdan, Petitioner in the above-referenced case. We are writing to notify the Court of a pertinent procedural development that we learned of subsequent to Petitioner's July 24, 2007 filings with this Court. In a July 24 per curiam order, issued *sua sponte* and attached hereto, the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit deferred consideration of Mr. Hamdan's petition for initial hearing en banc pending this Court's resolution of *Boumediene v. Bush* (No. 06-1195) and *Al Odah v. United States* (No. 06-1196).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph M. McMillan".

Joseph M. McMillan

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cc: Solicitor General

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**United States Court of Appeals**  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

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**No. 07-5042**

**September Term, 2006**

**04cv01519**

**Filed On: July 24, 2007** [1055937]

Salim Ahmed Hamdan,  
Appellant

v.

Robert M. Gates,  
Appellee

**BEFORE:** Ginsburg, Chief Judge, and Sentelle, Henderson, Randolph,  
Rogers, Tatel, Garland, Brown, Griffith, and Kavanaugh,  
Circuit Judges

**ORDER**

Upon consideration of the petition for hearing en banc and the response thereto,  
it is

**ORDERED** that consideration of the petition be deferred pending further order of  
the court. The parties are ordered to file motions to govern further proceedings within  
thirty days of the Supreme Court's disposition of Boumediene v. Bush and Al Odah v.  
United States, Nos. 06-1195 & 06-1196, cert. granted (U.S. Jun. 29, 2007).

**Per Curiam**

**FOR THE COURT:**  
Mark J. Langer, Clerk

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Deputy Clerk