

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

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| HAJI BISMULLAH, et al., |) | |
| Petitioners, |) | |
| v. |) | No. 06-1197 |
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| ROBERT M. GATES, |) | |
| Secretary of Defense, |) | |
| Respondent. |) | |
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| HUZAIFA PARHAT, et al. |) | |
| Petitioners, |) | |
| v. |) | No. 06-1397 |
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| ROBERT M. GATES, |) | |
| Secretary of Defense, |) | |
| Respondent. |) | |
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DECLARATION OF REAR ADMIRAL HARRY B. HARRIS

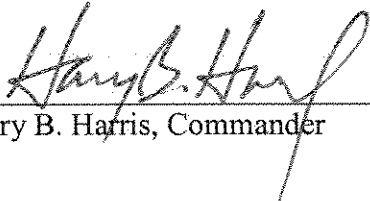
Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Harry B. Harris, hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the following is true, accurate, and correct:

1. I am a Rear Admiral in the United States Navy, with 29 years of active duty service. I currently serve as Commander, Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (JTF-GTMO). I have served in that position since March 2006.

2. The Department of Defense is seeking changes from the district court protective order in an effort to address concerns regarding the operation of the JTF-GTMO detention facility during a time of war. JTF-GTMO has reevaluated its requirements to ensure that its procedures concerning attorney visitation and related matters are not more stringent than necessary. Since the filings in this matter were made, JTF-GTMO has determined that one of the proposed procedures should be modified; specifically, JTF-GTMO no longer seeks to incorporate numerical limits on counsel visits to Guantanamo.
3. JTF-GTMO has concluded that the other provisions in the proposed protective order remain warranted and appropriate in light of the operations of JTF-GTMO.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true, accurate, and correct.

Dated: 10 May 2007



Harry B. Harris, Commander