FILED UNDER SEAL

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

NO. 10A-

ABDUL AZIZ NAJI, APPLICANT, APPLICANT

v.

BARACK OBAMA, ET AL.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE UNDER SEAL EMERGENCY APPLICATION TO STAY THE MANDATE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT PENDING FILING OF PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI Pursuant to Rule 21, Applicant, Abdul Aziz Naji, respectfully requests leave to file under seal the above-titled application, submitted on this date

Applicant is a Guantánamo detainee with a pending habeas petition in the district court. (D.D.C. No. 05-2386.) The Government has designated certain information as "protected information" under the Protective Order that governs the Guantánamo habeas cases. Protective Order and Procedures for Counsel Access to Detainees at the United States Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Civ. No. 05-1347, Doc. 62 ("Protective Order"), at ¶ 34 (D.D.C. Sept. 11, 2008). "Protected information" is defined as information "not suitable for public filing." Protective Order ¶ 10. Mr. Naji maintains that the application includes little if any information properly designated as "protected" under the Protective Order. Be that as it may, the Protective Order directs all parties to file under seal any pleading or document that contains information designated by the Government as "protected information." Id. ¶ 49. In both the district court and the court of appeals, most filings and orders relating to the subject matter of the application have been filed under seal in accordance with the Protective Order because they contained or referred to information that the Government maintains is properly designated as "protected."

We understand that the normal practice when seeking leave to file a document under seal is to file concurrently a proposed redacted version of the document. In light of the exigencies of the present controversy, we respectfully submit this motion without a proposed redacted version. However, we will undertake to coordinate with counsel for the Government to determine the most appropriate way to prepare a public version of the application.

CONCLUSION

The application should be granted.

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Respectfully submitted,

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