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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Gregory G. Katsas Assistant Attorney General Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Room 3141 Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Katsas,

In light of questions raised by a 28(j) letter filed by petitioners in the *Kiyemba v. Bush* litigation before the D.C. Circuit, I would like to provide you the following information on behalf of the Department of State.

Although a planned trip related to the resettlement of the Uighurs held at Guantanamo was postponed last week, the Department of State confirms that it is actively continuing its efforts to resettle the 17 Uighurs currently held at Guantanamo, and that negotiations are ongoing regarding the possibility of their resettlement in third countries.

The Department of Justice may provide this information to the Court as it deems appropriate.

Sincerely,

John B. Bellinger, III