

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Thabid)
Ali)
 Detainees,)
 Guantanamo Bay Naval Station)
 Guantanamo Bay, Cuba;)

PETITION FOR WRIT
OF HABEAS CORPUS

No. _____

Usama Hasan Abu Kabir)
as the Next Friends of Petitioners)
Thabid)
Ali)

Petitioners,)

v.)

GEORGE W. BUSH,)
President of the United States)
The White House)
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.)
Washington, D.C. 20500;)

DONALD RUMSFELD,)
Secretary, United States)
Department of Defense)
1000 Defense Pentagon)
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000;)

ARMY BRIG. GEN. JAY HOOD,)
Commander, Joint Task Force - GTMO)
JTF-GTMO)
APO AE 09360; and)

ARMY COL. MIKE BUMGARNER,)
Commander, Joint Detention)
Operations Group, JTF - GTMO)
JTF-GTMO)
APO AE 09360,)

Respondents.)

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Petitioners Thabid and Ali seek the Great Writ. Each Petitioner is a Uighur. Petitioner Thabid acts on his own behalf and through his Next Friend, Usama Hasan Abu Kabir. Petitioner Ali acts on his own behalf and through his Next Friend, Usama Hasan Abu Kabir.

As a result of actions taken by the President of the United States, the other Respondents, and their subordinates, Petitioners, have not been properly classified, through any legitimate legal process, as either civilians, prisoners of war, “enemy combatants,” or otherwise, and are being held virtually *incommunicado* in military custody at the United States Naval Station in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba (“Guantánamo”). Their detention is indefinite, without lawful basis, without charge, and without access to counsel or any fair process by which they might challenge that detention. In the course of that detention, which has now spanned several years, Petitioners have been, and are continuing to be, subjected to abuse in the form of cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment. Petitioners are being held and abused under color and authority of the Executive, in violation of the Constitution, laws, and treaties of the United States, in violation of the fundamental due process principles of the common law, and in violation of customary international law. Accordingly, this Court should issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus compelling Respondents either to release Petitioners Thabid and Ali or to establish in this Court a lawful basis for Petitioners’ detention. This Court should also order injunctive and declaratory relief.

I. JURISDICTION

1. Petitioners bring this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2241(a), (c)(1) and (c)(3), and 2242. Petitioners further invoke this Court's jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1350, 1651, 2201, and 2202; 5 U.S.C. § 702; Articles I and II of, and the Fifth and Sixth Amendments to the United States Constitution. Because they seek declaratory relief, Petitioners also rely upon Fed. R. Civ. P. 57.

2. This Court is empowered to declare the rights and other legal relations of the parties in this matter by 28 U.S.C. § 2201, and to effectuate and enforce declaratory relief by all necessary and proper means by 28 U.S.C. § 2202, as this case involves an actual controversy within the Court's jurisdiction, and to issue all writs necessary or appropriate in aid of its jurisdiction by 28 U.S.C. § 1651.

II. PARTIES

3. Petitioner Thabid is a Uighur who is presently incarcerated and held in Respondents' unlawful custody and control at Guantánamo. Upon information and belief, Petitioner Thabid desires undersigned counsel to file this petition on his behalf. *See* Exhibit A, Authorizations and Acknowledgments.
4. Petitioner Usama Hasan Abu Kabir ("Kabir") is a detainee familiar with Petitioner Thabid for the duration of their incarceration in Guantánamo. *Id.* A petition has separately been filed on behalf of Kabir. Because Kabir's friend and co-detainee Thabid has been denied access to legal counsel and to the courts of the United States, Kabir acts as his Next Friend. *Id.* Upon information and belief, on his own and through the help of friends, Petitioner Thabid has tried repeatedly to contact his relatives and speak to authorities about his condition and unlawful custody. *Id.* Petitioner Kabir acts as next friend in order to assist Petitioner Thabid in seeking redress for these grievances.
5. Petitioner Ali is a Uighur who is presently incarcerated and held in Respondents' unlawful custody and control at Guantánamo. Upon information and belief, Petitioner Ali desires undersigned counsel to file this petition on his behalf. *See* Exhibit A, Authorizations and Declarations.
6. Petitioner Usama Hasan Abu Kabir is a detainee familiar with Petitioner Ali for the duration of their incarceration in Guantánamo. *Id.* Because his friend has been denied

access to legal counsel and to the courts of the United States, Kabir acts as his Next Friend. *Id.* On his own and through the help of friends, Petitioner Ali has tried repeatedly to contact his family and speak to authorities about his condition and unlawful custody. *Id.* Petitioner Kabir acts as next friend in order to assist Petitioner Ali in seeking redress for these grievances.

7. Respondent George W. Bush is the President of the United States and Commander-in-Chief of the United States Military. Petitioners Thabid and Ali are being detained pursuant to President Bush's authority as Commander-in-Chief, allegedly under the laws and usages of war or, alternatively, pursuant to the Executive Order of November 13, 2001, Detention, Treatment, and Trial of Certain Non-Citizens in the War Against Terrorism, 66 Fed. Reg. 57,833 (November 13, 2001) ("Executive Order"). President Bush is responsible for Petitioners Thabid and Ali's unlawful detention and is sued in his official capacity.
8. Respondent Donald Rumsfeld is the Secretary of the United States Department of Defense. Pursuant to the President's authority as Commander-in-Chief, his authority under the laws and usages of war or, alternatively, pursuant to the Executive Order, Respondent Rumsfeld has been charged with maintaining the custody and control of Petitioners Thabid and Ali. He is sued in his official capacity.
9. Respondent Brigadier Gen. Jay Hood is the Commander of Joint Task Force-GTMO, the task force running the detention operation at Guantánamo Bay. He has supervisory responsibility for Petitioners Thabid and Ali and is sued in his official capacity.
10. Respondent Army Colonel Mike Bumgarner is the Commander of the Joint Detention Operations Group and the JTF-GTMO detention camps, including the U.S. facility where

Petitioners Thabid and Ali are presently held. He is the immediate custodian responsible for Petitioners' detention and is sued in his official capacity.

11. Respondents are directly responsible for any activities undertaken by or under the supervision of any agents or employees acting on their behalf, or of agents or employees of private contractors ("contractor employees") with whom any agency under Respondents' authority or supervision has contracted for the provision of services at Guantanamo. All references to Respondents' actions in this Petition include activities performed by Respondents' agents or employees, other government agents or employees or contractor employees.

III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

12. Because Respondents have imposed improper conditions of detention on all Petitioners, holding them *incommunicado* and interfering with any contact between Petitioners and their friends, their families, or their counsel, all statements of fact in this petition about the detainees, whether or not expressly so stated, are on information and belief, as it has been impossible for Petitioners' counsel to communicate directly with Petitioners to verify these facts due to the conditions Respondents have imposed on their detention.
13. Upon information and belief, Petitioners Thabid and Ali are not, nor have they ever been, enemy aliens, lawful or unlawful belligerents, or combatants under the definitions adopted by the government in civil and military proceedings. .
14. Upon information and belief, Petitioners Thabid and Ali are not, nor have they ever been "enemy combatants" who were "part of or supporting forces hostile to the United States or coalition partners in Afghanistan and who were engaged in an armed conflict against the United States there." See *Hamdi v. Rumsfeld*, 524 U.S. 507, 124 S. Ct. 2633, 2639 (plurality) (2004).

15. Petitioners Thabid and Ali each seeks to enforce his right to a judicial determination by an appropriate and lawful authority as to whether there is a lawful and factual basis for Respondents' determination that he is either an "enemy combatant" as defined by the United States Supreme Court in *Hamdi* or an "enemy combatant" as that term is defined and used by the Executive in the Combatant Status Review Tribunals.
16. Upon information and belief, at the time of their seizure and detention, Petitioners Thabid and Ali were not members of the Taliban Government's armed forces or Al Qaeda. Prior to their detention, Petitioners did not commit any violent act against any American person or property. Petitioners had no involvement, direct or indirect, in the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, the ensuing international armed conflict, or any act of international terrorism attributed by the United States to Al Qaeda. Petitioners remain incarcerated at the U.S. Naval base at Guantánamo, Cuba, a territory over which the United States exercises exclusive jurisdiction and control.
17. Upon information and belief, Petitioners have each requested that the United States provide each petitioner with access to his family and legal counsel. To date, the United States has not provided Petitioners with such access.
18. Petitioners have not been afforded any procedures that would satisfy their rights under the most fundamental common law notions of due process, the U.S. Constitution, the laws and treaties of the United States, or customary international law.
19. Upon information and belief, Petitioners desire to pursue in United States courts every available legal challenge to the lawfulness of their detention.

The Joint Resolution

20. In the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States, the United States, at the direction of President Bush, began a massive military campaign against the Taliban

government, then in power in Afghanistan. On September 18, 2001, a Joint Resolution of Congress authorized President Bush to use force against the “nations, organizations, or persons” that “planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, or [that] harbored such organizations or persons.” Joint Resolution 23, Authorization for Use of Military Force, Public Law 107-40, 115 Stat. 224 (Jan. 18, 2001) (“Joint Resolution”).

21. As Petitioners Thabid and Ali assert they did not participate in the armed conflict at any point in time, they are not properly detained pursuant to President Bush's authority as Commander-in-Chief, under the laws and usages of war, or the Joint Resolution.

The Executive Order

22. On November 13, 2001, Respondent Bush issued an Executive Order authorizing Respondent Rumsfeld to detain indefinitely anyone Respondent Bush has “reason to believe”:
- i. is or was a member of the organization known as al Qaeda;
 - ii. has engaged in, aided or abetted, or conspired to commit, acts of international terrorism, or acts in preparation therefore, that have caused, threaten to cause, or have as their aim to cause, injury to or adverse effects on the United States, its citizens, national security, foreign policy, or economy; or
 - iii. has knowingly harbored one or more individuals described in subparagraphs (i) and (ii).

See Executive Order, 66 Fed. Reg. 57,833, §2 (November 13, 2001). President Bush must make this determination in writing. The Executive Order was not authorized nor directed by Congress.

23. The Executive Order purports to vest President Bush with the sole discretion to identify individuals who fall within its purview. It establishes no standards governing the exercise of his discretion. Once a person has been detained, the Executive Order contains no provision for that person to be notified of the charges he may face. The Executive

Order authorizes detainees to be confined indefinitely without charges. It contains no provision for a detainee to be notified of his rights under domestic and international law, and provides neither the right to counsel, nor rights to notice of consular protection or to consular access at the detainee's request. It provides no right to appear before a neutral tribunal to review the basis for or the legality of a detainee's continued detention and contains no provision for recourse to an Article III court. In fact, the Executive Order appears to override the possibility of such review by any court. The Executive Order authorizes indefinite and unreviewable detention of any person, based on nothing more than President Bush's written determination that an individual is subject to its terms.

24. The Executive Order was promulgated in the United States and in this judicial district, the decision to incarcerate Petitioner was made by Respondents in the United States and in this judicial district, the decision to detain Petitioner at Guantánamo was made in the United States and in this judicial district, and the decision to continue detaining Petitioner was, and is, being made by Respondents in the United States and in this judicial district.
25. Upon information and belief, President Bush has never certified or determined in any manner, in writing or otherwise, that Petitioners are subject to the Executive Order.
26. Upon information and belief, Petitioners are not properly subject to the Executive Order.
27. Upon information and belief, Petitioners have not been, and are not being, detained lawfully either pursuant to the Executive Order, President Bush's authority as Commander-in-Chief, and/or the laws and usages of war in that Petitioners have been denied the process due to them under the common law and the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, domestic civil and military law, and international law.

Guantánamo Bay Naval Station

28. On or about January 11, 2002, the United States military began transporting prisoners captured in Afghanistan to Camp X-Ray at the United States Naval Base in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. In April 2002, prisoners were transferred to Camp Delta, a more permanent prison facility at Guantánamo. Currently, some prisoners are housed in Camp Delta and Camp Five, an additional maximum-security interrogation and detention center.
29. Prisoners incarcerated at Guantánamo are entitled to test the legality of their detention in the federal courts. *See Rasul v. Bush*, 524 U.S. 466, 124 S. Ct. 2686, 2698 (June 28, 2004).
30. On a date unknown to counsel, but known to Respondents, the United States military transferred Petitioners Thabid and Ali to Guantánamo, where they have been held ever since, in the custody and control of Respondents.

The Conditions of Detention at Guantánamo

31. Since gaining control of Petitioners Thabid and Ali the United States military has held them virtually *incommunicado*.
32. Upon information and belief, Petitioners Thabid and Ali have been or will be interrogated repeatedly by agents of the United States Departments of Defense and Justice, and the Central Intelligence Agency, though they have not been charged with an offense and have not been notified of any pending or contemplated charges. They have not appeared before a lawful military or civilian tribunal, and have not been provided access to counsel or the means to contact and secure counsel. They have not been adequately informed of their rights under the United States Constitution, the Geneva Convention, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the American Declaration on the Rights and Duties of Man, the 1954 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees or

customary international law. Indeed, Respondents have taken the position that Petitioners should not be informed of these rights. As a result, Petitioners lack any ability to protect or to vindicate their rights under domestic and international law.

33. Upon information and belief, Petitioners have been forced to provide involuntary statements to Respondents' agents at Guantanamo.
34. Upon information and belief, Petitioners have been held under conditions that violate their constitutional and international rights to dignity and freedom from torture and from cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment. *See, e.g.*, Amnesty International, "Guantánamo and Beyond: The Continuing Pursuit of Unchecked Executive Power," at 83-115, Ch. 12-13, AMR 51/063/2005 (13 May 2005); Physicians for Human Rights, "Break Them Down: Systematic Use of Psychological Torture by US Forces," Ch.3 (2005); United Nations Press Release, "United Nations Human Rights Experts Express Continued Concern About Situation of Guantánamo Bay Detainees," Feb. 4, 2005; International Committee of the Red Cross, Press Release, "The ICRC's Work at Guantánamo Bay," Nov. 30, 2004; International Committee of the Red Cross, Operational Update, "US Detention Related to the Events of September 11, 2001 and Its Aftermath - the Role of the ICRC," July 26, 2004; Amnesty International, *United States of America: Human Dignity Denied: Torture and Accountability in the 'War on Terror'*, at 22 (Oct. 27, 2004) (available at <http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGAMR511452004>); Barry C. Scheck, *Abuse of Detainees at Guantanamo Bay*, The Nat'l Assoc. of Criminal Defense Lawyers Champion, Nov. 2004, at 4-5.
35. Upon information and belief, Petitioners have been held in and surrounded by conditions of isolation; constant vulnerability to repeated interrogation and severe beatings; the threat or reality of being kept in cages with no privacy; shackled with heavy chains and

irons; placed in solitary confinement or the threat of solitary confinement for minor rule infractions for prolonged periods of time; interrogated while shackled and chained in painful positions; exposed to extremes of temperature; subjected to violent behavior or the threat of violence; threatened with rendition to countries that practice torture or other forms of cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment; sexually humiliated; denied access to counsel and family; deprived of adequate medical care; and subjected to repeated psychological abuse.

36. Indeed, many of these violations – including isolation for up to 30 days, 28-hour interrogations, extreme and prolonged stress positions, sleep deprivation, sensory assaults, forced nudity and humiliation, hooding, and the use of dogs to create anxiety and terror – were actually interrogation techniques approved for use at Guantánamo by the most senior Department of Defense lawyer. *See e.g.*, Action Memo from William J. Haynes II, General Counsel, DOD, to Secretary of Defense (Nov. 27, 2002); *Pentagon Working Group Report on Detainee Interrogations in the Global War on Terrorism: Assessment of Legal, Historical, Policy and Operational Considerations*, at 62-65 (Apr. 4, 2003).¹
37. In a confidential report to the United States government, the ICRC charged the U.S. military with intentional use during interrogations of psychological and physical coercion on prisoners at Guantánamo that is “tantamount to torture.” *See* Neil A. Lewis, “Red Cross Finds Detainee Abuse in Guantánamo,” *New York Times*, Nov. 30, 2004, at A1.

¹ Additional details of the cruel and degrading conditions suffered by detainees at Guantanamo are set out at length in a statement by numerous released British detainees. *See* Shafiq Rasul, Asif Iqbal & Rihel Ahmed, *Composite Statement: Detention in Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay*, 300, at <http://www.ccr-ny.org/v2/reports/docs/Gitmo-compositestatementFINAL23july04.pdf>). The Department of Defense also informed the Associated Press that a number of interrogators at Guantanamo have been demoted or reprimanded after investigations into accusations of abuse at the facility. *See Report Details Guantanamo Abuses*, Assoc. Press, Nov. 4, 2004.

The report includes claims that doctors and other medical workers at Guantánamo participated in planning for interrogations. *Id.*; see also M. Gregg Bloche and Jonathan H. Marks, “When Doctors Go to War,” *New England Journal of Medicine*, Jan. 6, 2005, at 3-4.

38. Since details of the ICRC’s report emerged, new revelations of abuse and torture at Guantánamo have appeared, including FBI memos detailing torture and “highly aggressive interrogation techniques” including 24-plus hour interrogations involving beatings, temperature extremes, dogs, prolonged isolation, and loud music. See, e.g., Carol D. Leonnig, “Guantanamo Detainee Says Beating Injured Spine; Now in Wheelchair, Egyptian-Born Teacher Objects to Plan to Send Him to Native Land,” *Wash. Post*, Aug. 13, 2005, at A18; Amnesty International, “Guantánamo and Beyond: The Continuing Pursuit of Unchecked Executive Power,” at 83-115, Ch. 12-13, AMR 51/063/2005 (13 May 2005); Amnesty International, *Guantánamo: An Icon of Lawlessness*, Jan. 6, 2005, at 3-5; Neil A. Lewis, “Fresh Details Emerge on Harsh Methods at Guantánamo,” *New York Times*, Jan. 1, 2005, at A11; Carol D. Leonnig, “Further Detainee Abuse Alleged; Guantánamo Prison Cited in FBI Memos,” *Washington Post*, Dec. 26, 2004, at A1; Neil A. Lewis and David Johnston, “New F.B.I. Memos Describe Abuses of Iraq Inmates,” *New York Times*, Dec. 21, 2004, at A1; Dan Eggen and R. Jeffrey Smith, “FBI Agents Allege Abuse of Detainees at Guantánamo Bay,” *Washington Post*, Dec. 21, 2004, at A1; Neil A. Lewis, “F.B.I. Memos Criticized Practices at Guantánamo,” *New York Times*, Dec. 7, 2004, at A19.
39. In fact, many of the egregious interrogation techniques used in the now notorious Abu Ghraib detention center and other detention facilities in Iraq—such as the use of aggressive dogs to intimidate detainees, sexual humiliation, stress positions, and sensory

deprivation—were pioneered at Guantánamo. *See* Josh White, “Abu Ghraib Dog Tactics Came From Guantanamo; Testimony Further Links Procedures at 2 Facilities,” *Wash. Post*, July 27, 2005, at A14; *and* Josh White, “Abu Ghraib Tactics Were First Used at Guantanamo,” *Wash. Post*, July 14, 2005 at A1.

40. The unlawful interrogation techniques used by Respondents at Guantánamo include not only direct physical and psychological abuse but also impermissible conduct intended to undermine the detainees’ due process rights, such as representing to detainees that government agents are their habeas lawyers for the express purpose of extracting information from the detainees. *See* Sam Hannel, “Lawyers Describe Guantánamo Detainees,” *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, Jan. 19, 2005.
41. In addition, military defense lawyers have been instructed to limit their representation of detainees in a manner that would operate to the detriment of their clients in violation of due process requirements. *See* David Johnston & Neil Lewis, “Lawyer Says Military Tried To Coerce Detainee's Plea,” *NY Times*, June 16, 2005, at A25 (Late Ed.).
42. Respondents, acting individually or through their agents, have stated that the humanitarian limitations which normally apply to the U.S. military’s use of coercive interrogation techniques under the auspices of the Department of Defense, *do not apply* to interrogations conducted by CIA agents or other specially-designated government officers assigned to such work. *See* Amnesty International, “Guantánamo and Beyond: The Continuing Pursuit of Unchecked Executive Power,” at 27-43, Ch. 5, AMR 51/063/2005 (13 May 2005); Eric Lichtblau, “Gonzales Says ’02 Policy on Detainees Doesn’t Bind CIA,” *New York Times*, Jan. 19, 2005, at A17; Dan Eggen and Charles Babington, “Torture by U.S. Personnel Illegal, Gonzales Tells Senate,” *Washington Post*, Jan. 18, 2005, at A4.

43. In published statements, President Bush and Secretary Rumsfeld, and the predecessors of Hood and Bumgarner, respectively, Lehnert and Carrico, have proclaimed that the United States may hold the detainees under their current conditions indefinitely. *See, e.g.*, Roland Watson, *The Times* (London), Jan. 18, 2002 (“Donald Rumsfeld, the U.S. Defense Secretary, suggested last night that Al-Qaeda prisoners could be held indefinitely at the base. He said that the detention of some would be open-ended as the United States tried to build a case against them.”); Lynne Sladky, *Assoc. Press*, Jan. 22, 2002 (“Marine Brig. Gen. Mike Lehnert, who is in charge of the detention mission, defended the temporary cells where detainees are being held ‘We have to look at Camp X-ray as a work in progress [...]’ Lehnert told CNN. Lehnert said plans are to build a more permanent prison ‘exactly in accordance with federal prison standards.’”); John Mintz, “Extended Detention in Cuba Mulled,” *The Washington Post*, February 13, 2002 (“As the Bush Administration nears completion of new rules for conducting military trials of foreign detainees, U.S. officials say they envision the naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as a site for the tribunals and as a terrorist penal colony for many years to come.”).
44. According to the Department of Defense, detainees who are adjudged innocent of all charges by a military commission may nevertheless be kept in detention at Guantanamo indefinitely. *See* Department of Defense Press Background Briefing of July 3, 2003, at <http://www.defenselink.mil/transcripts/2003/tr20030703-0323.html> (last visited August 24, 2005).
45. Counsel for Respondents have also consistently maintained that the United States may hold the detained Petitioners under their current conditions indefinitely. *In re Guantánamo Detainee Cases*, Nos. 02-CV-0299 (CKK), *et al.*, (D.D.C.), Tr. of Dec. 1, 2004 Oral Argument on Motion to Dismiss at 22-24, Statements of Principle Deputy

Associate Attorney Gen. Brian Boyle; *see also* Dana Priest, "Long-Term Plan Sought for Terror Suspects," *Wash. Post*, Jan. 2, 2005, at A1.

46. In fact, the Government has failed to release a number of Guantánamo detainees even after it has determined that the detainees are "no longer enemy combatants." *See* Robin Wright, "Chinese Detainees Are Men Without a Country; 15 Muslims, Cleared of Terrorism Charges, Remain at Guantanamo With Nowhere to Go," *Wash. Post*, August 24, 2005, at A1 (Final Ed.); Ben Fox, "U.S. to Ease Conditions for Some Detainees," *Chicago Trib.*, Aug. 11, 2005, at C4.
47. The Government has acknowledged its plan to begin constructing a new, more permanent detention facility at Guantánamo. Christopher Cooper, "In Guantánamo, Prisoners Languish in a Sea of Red Tape," *Wall Street Journal*, Jan. 26, 2005, at A1; Associated Press, "Guantánamo Takes on the Look of Permanency," Jan. 9, 2005.

Rendition

48. During interrogations, detainees have also been threatened with rendition or transfer to countries that permit indefinite detention without charge or trial and/or routinely practice torture. Upon information and belief, the United States has secretly transferred detainees to such countries without complying with the applicable legal requirements for extradition. This practice, known as "extraordinary rendition," is used to facilitate interrogation by subjecting detainees to torture and other forms of cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment. *See* Jane Mayer, "Outsourcing Torture: The Secret History of American's "Extraordinary Rendition" Program, *The New Yorker*, Feb. 14, 2005, at 106.
49. The U.S. government's "extraordinary rendition" program has been documented by key American and international news organizations, including the *Washington Post*, *The Los*

Angeles Times, and the British Broadcasting Corporation (the "BBC"). According to news accounts:

Since September 11, the U.S. government has secretly transported dozens of people suspected of links to terrorists to countries other than the United States bypassing extradition procedures and legal formalities, according to Western diplomats and intelligence source. The suspects have been taken to countries . . . whose intelligence services have close ties to the CIA and where they can be subjected to interrogation tactics -- including torture and threats to families -- that are illegal in the United States, the sources said. In some cases, U.S. intelligence agents remain closely involved in the interrogations, the sources said.

Rajiv Chanrasekaran & Peter Finn, "U.S. Behind Secret Transfer of Terror Suspects," *Wash. Post*, Mar. 11, 2002, at A1; *see also* Dana Priest, "Long Term Plan Sought for Terror Suspects," *Wash. Post*, Jan. 2, 2005, at A1 ("The transfers, called 'renditions,' depend on arrangements between the United States and other countries, such as Egypt . . . that agree to have local security services hold certain suspects in their facilities for interrogation by CIA and foreign liaison officers.").

50. In fact, the Government has recently announced its intention to render many Guantánamo detainees to countries which have a documented record of human rights violations, including state-sponsored torture. *See, e.g.*, Matthew Waxman, "Beyond Guantanamo," *Wash. Times*, Aug. 20, 2005, at A17; Robin Wright and Josh White, "U.S. Holding Talks on Return of Detainees; Administration Close to Reaching Agreements With 10 Muslim Governments," *Wash. Times*, Aug. 9, 2005, at A13; Neil Lewis, "Guantanamo Detention Site Is Being Transformed, U.S. Says," *NY Times*, Aug. 6, 2005, at A8 (Late Ed.); Paul Richter, "U.S. to Repatriate 110 Afghans Jailed at Guantanamo Bay," *LA Times*, Aug. 5, 2005, at A18.
51. Moreover, upon information and belief, the Government is conditioning the transfer or rendering of detainees to their countries of origin on the requirement that the home

country imprison the detainee without regard to the detainee's individual factual or legal situation. See Robin Wright and Josh White, "U.S. Holding Talks on Return of Detainees; Administration Close to Reaching Agreements With 10 Muslim Governments," *Wash. Post*, August 9, 2005, at A13; BBC Worldwide Monitoring, "USA to release 107 Yemenis from Guantanamo Bay," August 10, 2005 (available from LEXIS, MWP90 file) ("The US authorities declared a few days ago that they would extradite detainees from Guantanamo Bay to Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia and Yemen on the condition [that they are] to be put in jail.").

52. Upon information and belief, Petitioners have legitimate fear of indefinite detention and imminent harm if rendered to any other country. See, e.g., *Torture and secret detention*, (<http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/engamr511082005>, visited December 08, 2005)
53. Upon information and belief, Petitioners Thabid and Ali are at risk of being rendered, returned or transferred without lawful process to a country that permits indefinite detention without process and/or engages in torture or other forms of cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment during interrogation and detention.

IV. CAUSES OF ACTION

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF (COMMON LAW DUE PROCESS AND DUE PROCESS CLAUSE OF THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES - UNLAWFUL DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY)

54. Petitioners incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.
55. By the actions described above, Respondents, acting under color of law, have violated and continue to violate common law principles of due process as well as the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. President Bush has ordered the prolonged, indefinite, and arbitrary detention of individuals including

Petitioners Thabid and Ali, without due process of law, and the remaining Respondents have implemented those orders. Respondents' actions deny Petitioners the process accorded to persons seized and detained by the United States military in times of armed conflict as established by, *inter alia*, Articles 3 and 5 of the Third and Fourth Geneva Conventions, the common law, and customary international law as reflected, expressed, and defined in multilateral treaties and other international instruments, international and domestic judicial decisions, and other authorities.

56. To the extent that the detention of Petitioners Thabid and Ali purports to be authorized by the Executive Order, that Order violates the Fifth Amendment on its face and as applied to Petitioner, and therefore also violates 28 U.S.C. § 2241 (c)(3).
57. To the extent that the detention of Petitioners Thabid and Ali is without basis in law and violates the common law principles of due process embodied in 28 U.S.C. § 2241 (c)(1), Petitioner's detention is unlawful.
58. Accordingly, Petitioners Thabid and Ali are entitled to habeas, declaratory, and injunctive relief as well as any other relief the court may deem appropriate.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(DUE PROCESS CLAUSE OF THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE UNITED STATES - UNLAWFUL CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT)

59. Petitioners incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.
60. By the actions described above, Respondents, acting under color of law, have violated and continue to violate the right of Petitioners to be free from unlawful conditions of confinement, in violation of the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.
61. Accordingly, Petitioners Thabid and Ali are entitled to declaratory and injunctive relief as well as any other relief the court may deem appropriate.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(GENEVA CONVENTIONS - ARBITRARY DENIAL OF DUE PROCESS)

62. Petitioners incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.
63. By the actions described above, Respondents, acting under color of law, have denied and continue to deny Petitioners Thabid and Ali the process accorded to persons seized and detained by the United States military in times of armed conflict as established by specific provisions of the Third and Fourth Geneva Conventions.
64. Violations of the Geneva Conventions are direct treaty violations and are also violations of customary international law, and constitute an enforceable claim under 28 U.S.C. § 2241(c)(3).
65. Respondents are liable for this conduct described above, insofar as they set the conditions, directly and/or indirectly facilitated, ordered, acquiesced, confirmed, ratified, and/or conspired to violate the Geneva Conventions.
66. Accordingly, Petitioners Thabid and Ali are entitled to habeas, declaratory, and injunctive relief as well as any other relief the court may deem appropriate.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AND HUMAN RIGHTS LAW -
ARBITRARY DENIAL OF DUE PROCESS)

67. Petitioners incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.
68. By the actions described above, Respondents have denied and continue to deny Petitioners Thabid and Ali the process due to persons seized and detained by the United States military in times of armed conflict as establish by customary international humanitarian and human rights law as reflected, expressed, and defined in multilateral treaties and other international instruments and domestic judicial decisions, and other authorities.

69. Because Respondents are detaining Petitioners Thabid and Ali “under or by color of the authority of the United States,” they are violating 28 U.S.C. § 2241(c)(1), and because Respondents are detaining Petitioners “in violation of the Constitution or laws or treaties of the United States,” they are also violating 28 U.S.C. § 2241(c)(3). Petitioners Thabid and Ali are therefore entitled to relief.
70. Petitioners Thabid and Ali are entitled to habeas, declaratory, and injunctive relief as well as any other relief the court may deem appropriate.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(ALIEN TORT STATUTE - TORTURE)

71. Petitioners incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.
72. By the actions described above, the Respondents directed, ordered, confirmed, ratified, and/or conspired together and with others to bring about acts that deliberately and intentionally inflicted severe physical and psychological abuse and agony upon Petitioners Thabid and Ali in order to obtain coerced information or confessions from them, to punish or intimidate Petitioners, or for other purposes. Among other abuses, Petitioners have been held in and surrounded by conditions of isolation; constant vulnerability to repeated interrogation and severe beatings; the threat or reality of being kept in cages with no privacy; shackled with heavy chains and irons; placed in solitary confinement or the threat of solitary confinement for minor rule infractions for prolonged periods of time; interrogated while shackled and chained in painful positions; exposed to extremes of temperature; subjected to violent behavior or the threat of violence; threatened with rendition to countries that practice torture or other forms or cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment; sexually humiliated; denied access to counsel and family; deprived of adequate medical care; and subjected to repeated psychological abuse.

73. The acts described herein constitute torture in violation of the law of nations under the Alien Tort Statute, 28 U.S.C. § 1350, in that the acts violate customary international law prohibiting torture as reflected, expressed, and defined in multilateral treaties and other international instruments, international and domestic judicial decisions, and other authorities.
74. Respondents are liable for said conduct because they directed, ordered, confirmed, ratified, and/or conspired together and with others to commit the acts of torture against Petitioners Thabid and Ali.
75. Petitioners Thabid and Ali were forced to suffer severe physical and psychological abuse and agony and are entitled to habeas, declaratory, and injunctive relief and other relief to be determined at trial.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(ALIEN TORT STATUTE - WAR CRIMES)

76. Petitioners incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.
77. By the actions described above, Respondents' acts directing, ordering, confirming, ratifying, and/or conspiring to bring about the torture and other inhumane treatment of Petitioners Thabid and Ali constitute war crimes and/or crimes against humanity in violation of the law of nations under the Alien Tort Statute, 28 U.S.C. § 1350, in that the acts violated, among others, the Fourth Geneva Convention, Common Article III of the Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols I and II of the Geneva Conventions as well as customary international law prohibiting war crimes as reflected, expressed, and defined in other multilateral treaties and international instruments, international and domestic judicial decision, and other authorities.
78. As a result of Respondents' unlawful conduct, Petitioners Thabid and Ali been and are forced to suffer severe physical and psychological abuse and agony, and are therefore

entitled to declaratory and injunctive relief, and such other relief as the court may deem appropriate.

SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(ALIEN TORT STATUTE –
CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT)

79. Petitioners incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.
80. The acts described herein had the intent and the effect of grossly humiliating and debasing each of Petitioners Thabid and Ali, forcing each to act against his will and conscience, inciting fear and anguish, and breaking his physical or moral resistance.
81. The acts described herein constitute cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment in violation of the law of nations under the Alien Tort Statute, 28 U.S.C. § 1350, in that the acts violated customary international law prohibiting cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment as reflected, expressed, and defined in multilateral treaties and other international instruments, international and domestic judicial decisions, and other authorities.
82. Respondents are liable for said conduct in that they directed, ordered, confirmed, ratified, and/or conspired together and with others to cause the cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment of Petitioners Thabid and Ali.
83. Petitioners Thabid and Ali were forced to suffer severe physical and psychological abuse and agony and are entitled to declaratory and injunctive relief as well as other relief as the court may deem appropriate.

EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(ALIEN TORT STATUTE -
ARBITRARY ARREST AND PROLONGED ARBITRARY DETENTION)

84. Petitioners incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.
85. The acts described herein constitute arbitrary arrest and detention of Petitioners Thabid and Ali in violation of the law of nations under the Alien Tort Statute, 28 U.S.C. § 1350,

in that the acts violated customary international law prohibiting arbitrary detention as reflected, expressed, and defined in multilateral treaties and other international instruments, international and domestic judicial decisions, and other authorities.

86. Respondents are liable for said conduct in that they directed, ordered, confirmed, ratified, and/or conspired together and with others to bring about the arbitrary arrest and prolonged arbitrary detention of Petitioners Thabid and Ali in violation of the law of nations under the Alien Tort Statute, 28 U.S.C. § 1350, in that the acts violated customary international law prohibiting arbitrary arrest and prolonged arbitrary detention as reflected, expressed, and defined in multilateral treaties and other international instruments, international and domestic judicial decisions, and other authorities.
87. As a result of Respondents' unlawful conduct, each of Petitioners Thabid and Ali has been and is deprived of his freedom, separated from his family, and forced to suffer severe physical and mental abuse, and is therefore entitled to habeas, declaratory, and injunctive relief, and such other relief as the court may deem appropriate.

NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(ALIEN TORT STATUTE - ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE)

88. Petitioners incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.
89. By the actions described above, the Respondents directed, ordered, confirmed, ratified, and/or conspired to bring about the enforced disappearance of Petitioners Thabid and Ali in violation of the law of nations under the Alien Tort Statute, 28 U.S.C. § 1350, in that the acts violated customary international law prohibiting enforced disappearances as reflected, expressed, and defined in multilateral treaties and other international instruments, international and domestic judicial decisions, and other authorities.
90. As a result of Respondents' unlawful conduct, each of Petitioners Thabid and Ali has been and is deprived of his freedom, separated from his family, and forced to suffer

severe physical and mental abuse, and is therefore entitled to habeas, declaratory and injunctive relief and such other relief as the court may deem appropriate.

TENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(ARTICLE II OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION -
UNLAWFUL DETENTION)

91. Petitioners incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.
92. Petitioners Thabid and Ali assert that they are not, nor have they ever been, an enemy alien, lawful or unlawful belligerent, or combatant of any kind. The Executive lacks the authority to order or direct military officials to detain civilians who are seized far from the theater of war or occupied territory or who were not “carrying a weapon against American troops on a foreign battlefield.” *Hamdi v. Rumsfeld*, 524 U.S. 507, 124 S. Ct. 2633, 2642 n.1 (2004).
93. By the actions described above, President Bush has exceeded and continues to exceed the Executive’s authority under Article II of the United States Constitution by authorizing, ordering and directing that military officials seize Petitioners Thabid and Ali and transfer them to military detention, and by authorizing and ordering their continued military detention at Guantánamo. All of the Respondents acted and continue to act without lawful authority by directing, ordering, and/or supervising the seizure and military detention of Petitioners Thabid and Ali.
94. The military seizure and detention of Petitioners Thabid and Ali by the Respondents is *ultra vires* and illegal because it is in violation of Article II of the United States Constitution. To the extent that the Executive asserts that Petitioner’s detention is authorized by the Executive Order, that Order exceeds the Executive’s authority under Article II and is *ultra vires* and void on its face and as applied to Petitioners.

95. To the extent that Respondents assert that their authority to detain Petitioners Thabid and Ali derives from a source other than the Executive Order, including without limitation the Executive's inherent authority to conduct foreign affairs or to serve as Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Armed Forces, whether from Article II of the Constitution or otherwise, Respondents lack that authority as a matter of fact and law.
96. Accordingly, Petitioners Thabid and Ali are entitled to habeas, declaratory, and injunctive relief, as well as any other relief the court may deem appropriate.

ELEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(VIOLATION OF THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL AND TO ACCESS TO THE COURTS)

97. Petitioners incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.
98. Respondents, purportedly acting from a concern for national security, consistently have contrived to intrude upon each of Petitioners' Thabid and Ali right to consult with counsel by conditioning counsel's access to Petitioner on unreasonable terms, including classification/declassification procedures, all in violation of Petitioners' attorney-client privilege, their work product privilege, and the Fifth and Sixth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.
99. Accordingly, Petitioners Thabid and Ali are entitled to habeas, declaratory, and injunctive relief, as well as any other relief the court may deem appropriate.

TWELFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(DUE PROCESS CLAUSE - RENDITION)

100. Petitioners incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.
101. Upon information and belief, each of Petitioners Thabid and Ali is at risk of being rendered, expelled or returned without lawful procedures to a country that engages in torture. The transfer of a Petitioner to a country that creates a foreseeable and direct risk

that he will be subjected to torture constitutes a violation of Petitioners' rights under the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

102. Accordingly, Petitioners Thabid and Ali are entitled to declaratory and injunctive relief, as well as any other relief the court may deem appropriate.

THIRTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE AND
CONVENTION RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES - RENDITION)

103. Petitioners incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.

104. Upon information and belief, each of Petitioners Thabid and Ali is at risk of being rendered, expelled or returned without lawful procedures to a country that engages in torture. The transfer of a Petitioner to a country that creates a foreseeable and direct risk that he will be subjected to torture constitutes a direct violation of Petitioner's rights under the Covenant Against Torture and the 1954 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, 19 U.S.T. 6259, 189 U.N.T.S. 150, entered into force Apr. 22, 1954.

105. Accordingly, Petitioners Thabid and Ali are entitled to declaratory and injunctive relief, as well as any other relief the court may deem appropriate.

FOURTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(ALIEN TORT STATUTE - RENDITION)

106. Petitioners incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.

107. Upon information and belief, Petitioners Thabid and Ali are at risk of being rendered, expelled or returned without lawful procedures to a country that engages in torture. The transfer of a Petitioner to a country that creates a foreseeable and direct risk that he will be subjected to torture constitutes a violation of Petitioner's rights under customary international law, which may be vindicated under the Alien Tort Statute.

108. Accordingly, Petitioners Thabid and Ali are entitled to declaratory and injunctive relief, as well as any other relief the court may deem appropriate.

V.

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO FEDERAL RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 11(B)(3)

109. Under the unique and extraordinary circumstances of this case, the factual allegations made in preceding paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 25, 26, 27, 32, 33, 34, 35, 48, 51, 52, 53, 101, 104, 107, et al, that are made upon information and belief are made pursuant to Rule 11(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on the basis that those allegations “are likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(b)(3). Also upon information and belief, each of Petitioners Thabid and Ali desires undersigned counsel to file this petition on his behalf.

VI.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Petitioners pray for relief as follows:

1. Grant the Writ of Habeas Corpus and order Respondents to release each of Petitioners Thabid and Ali from his current unlawful detention;
2. Order that each of Petitioners Thabid and Ali be brought before the Court or before a Magistrate Judge assigned by the Court at a convenient facility to conduct proceedings under the supervision of the Court to vindicate his rights;
3. Order that Petitioners cannot be rendered or transferred to any other country without the specific, written agreement of each Petitioner and Petitioner’s counsel while this action is pending;
4. Order that Petitioners cannot be delivered, returned, or rendered to a country where there is a foreseeable and imminent risk that a Petitioner will be subject to indefinite detention or torture;

5. Order Respondents to allow counsel to meet and confer with each of Petitioners Thabid and Ali in private and unmonitored attorney-client conversations;
6. Order Respondents to cease all interrogations of Petitioners Thabid and Ali, direct or indirect, while this litigation is pending;
7. Order Respondents to cease all acts of torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of Petitioners Thabid and Ali;
8. Order and declare the Executive Order of November 13, 2001 is *ultra vires* and unlawful in violation of Article II of the United States Constitution, the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the treaties of the United States and customary international law;
9. Order and declare that the prolonged, indefinite, and restrictive detention of Petitioners Thabid and Ali without due process is arbitrary and unlawful and a deprivation of liberty without due process in violation of common law principles of due process, the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution, the treaties of the United States, and customary international humanitarian law; and
10. Grant such other relief as the Court may deem necessary and appropriate to protect Petitioners' rights under the common law, the United States Constitution, federal statutory law, and international law, including, if necessary, designating Petitioner Usama Hasan Abu Kabir to act as Next Friend of Petitioner Thabid and Petitioner Usama Hasan Abu Kabir to act as Next Friend of Petitioner Ali.

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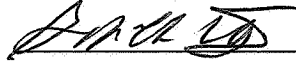
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CERTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATION WITHOUT COMPENSATION

Counsel for Petitioners hereby certify, pursuant to L. Cv. R. 83.2(g), that they are representing Petitioners without compensation.

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