

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ISA ALI ABDULLA ALMURBATI,)	
et al.)	
)	
Petitioners,)	
)	Civil Action No. 04-1227 (RBW)
v.)	
)	
GEORGE W. BUSH, et al.,)	
)	
Respondents.)	

DECLARATION OF CHARLES D. STIMSON

I, Charles D. Stimson, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby declare and say as follows:

1. I am the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Detainee Affairs in the Department of Defense (“DoD”). My office is organized under the office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. The Office of Detainee Affairs, which I supervise, is responsible for providing policy advice to the Secretary of Defense on all matters regarding detainees in DoD control. I have served in this position since January 23, 2006. I make this Declaration based upon my personal knowledge and upon information made available to me in the performance of my official duties.

2. On October 13, 2006, detainee Salah Abdul Rasool Al Bloushi (ISN 227), who is a petitioner in the above-captioned case, was removed from Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, released from United States custody and repatriated to his home country, Bahrain.

3. I am familiar with the circumstances surrounding the transfer of the above-referenced petitioner. The above-referenced petitioner was transferred to the exclusive custody and control of the government of his home country for any continued investigation, detention,

and/or prosecution deemed appropriate by that country under its laws, in accordance with the policies and practices for such transfers as discussed in the Declarations made by my predecessor, Matthew Waxman, on March 8, 2005, and June 2, 2005 (on file in this case as dkt. no. 109, Ex. B, and dkt. no. 116), and in the Declaration of then Ambassador Pierre-Richard Prosper dated March 8, 2005 (on file in this case as dkt. no. 109, Ex. C).

4. In particular, the above-referenced transfer was not made for the purpose of merely continuing the petitioner's detention on behalf of the United States. Furthermore, the above-referenced transfer was not made for the purpose of extinguishing this Court's jurisdiction over the petitioner's action for habeas relief. The above-referenced transfer was made following a determination that the petitioner's detention by the United States is no longer warranted.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated 26 October 2006.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Charles D. Stimson", written over a horizontal line.

Charles D. Stimson