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Mr. Mark J. Langer  
Clerk, United States Court of Appeals  
for the District of Columbia Circuit  
United States Courthouse  
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 5423  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Parhat v. Gates, No. 06-1397  
Bismullah v. Gates, No. 06-1197

**[ORAL ARGUMENT HELD ON MAY 15, 2007]**

Dear Mr. Langer:

Oral argument was held in the above-referenced cases on May 15, 2007. During that argument, the judges on the panel asked various questions concerning how the records of the Combatant Status Review Tribunals were developed, and what is the appropriate content of those records. Although counsel for the Government responded to the judges' questions, since the argument we have been consulting extensively with the Department of Defense to determine if there is additional information that would likely be of value to the Court. We believe that there is indeed such information, which the Court will find useful. Accordingly, we are preparing as quickly as possible a declaration to describe how the records were compiled and their contents. We ask that you please alert the panel to this fact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas Letter".

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