

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

SHERIF el-MASHAD, et al.)	
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Petitioners,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 1:05-CV-270 (JR)
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GEORGE W. BUSH, et al.,)	
)	
Respondents.)	
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**RESPONDENTS' RESPONSE TO
THE COURT'S ORDER OF JANUARY 24, 2006**

The following is provided in response to the Court's Order of January 24, 2006 (dkt. no. 65), requiring that respondents advise the Court of efforts to release petitioner Ala Abdel Maqsud Muhammad Salim ("Ala") from United States custody after his being determined to be no longer an enemy combatant. Respondents respectfully advise the Court that subsequent to and in light of the classification of petitioner as no longer an enemy combatant, arrangements were made to release petitioner Ala from the custody of the United States and to repatriate him to his home country of Egypt, as described in respondents' October 17, 2005 Memorandum in Opposition to Petitioners' Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and in Further Opposition to Petitioners' Motion for Preliminary Injunction at 6 (dkt. no. 16 in Alladeen v. Bush, Civ. A. No. 05-833 (JR)). The release and repatriation to Egypt was temporarily enjoined by the Court on October 27, 2005 (dkt. no. 18 in No. 05-833). As noted in respondents' January 23, 2006 Notice of Changed Circumstances, Withdrawal of Motion, and Supplemental Memorandum (dkt. nos. 62, 63 in No. 05-270), respondents' plans for the release and repatriation of petitioner have now been suspended for the present time pending investigation and consideration by respondents of

information that recently came to respondents' attention independent of this litigation. While respondents' intent remains to release all individuals determined to be no longer enemy combatants as soon as practicable consistent with the policies and practices previously articulated in respondents' October 17, 2005 Memorandum in Opposition to Petitioners' Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and in Further Opposition to Petitioners' Motion for Preliminary Injunction at 3-6 (dkt. no. 16 in No. 05-833), there is no specific plan for release or transfer of petitioner Ala at this time pending investigation and consideration by respondents of the new information referenced above.

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