

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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SHERIF el-MASHAD, <i>et al.</i> ,		)
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Petitioners,		)
		)
v.		)
	Civil Action No. 05-270 (JR)	)
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GEORGE W. BUSH,		)
President of the United States,		)
<i>et al.</i> ,		)
		)
Respondents.		)
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**NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF PETITIONER ALA AND WITHDRAWAL  
OF REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN  
INFORMATION AS PROTECTED INFORMATION**

Respondents hereby provide notice that petitioner Ala Abdel Maqsud Muhammad Salim (“Ala”), previously determined to be no longer classified as an enemy combatant, has been transferred to the Government of Albania for release and released from United States custody.

In the Stipulation and Order filed with the Court under seal on November 14, 2006 (dkt. no. 80) (“Stipulation and Order”), the parties agreed that, pursuant to the protective orders entered by the Court’s Minute Order of September 27, 2005 (in No. 05-CV-0833), the fact of the impending transfer of petitioner Ala and the Stipulation and Order would be designated as “Protected Information” pending notice by respondents that the transfer of petitioner to the Government of Albania has been completed. Accordingly, the transfer having taken place, respondents hereby withdraw their request to have the Stipulation and Order treated as protected information.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Consistent with this withdrawal, respondents have no objection to the Stipulation and Order being unsealed and placed on the public record.

Dated: November 20, 2006

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