

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FAWZI KHALID ABDULLAH  
FAHAD AL ODAH, *et al.*,

Petitioners,

v.

UNITED STATES, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Civil Action No. 02-828 (CKK)

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

On July 1, 2009, the Court ordered the parties to file, on or before July 31, 2009, a Joint Status Report concerning the Task Force discovery for Petitioners Al Kandari and Al Rabiah. (Order, July 1, 2009 (Dkt. No. 594).) In accordance with the Court's order, and as a follow-up to the status report submitted by Respondents on June 26, 2009 (Dkt. No. 587), the parties submit this Joint Status Report regarding the parties' discussions and Respondents' ongoing discovery efforts.

The parties have conferred regularly since the Court's order of July 1, 2009. Consistent with the parties' prior agreement, Petitioners provided Respondents with a list of names and terms to be searched in the Task Force Network database, in order to narrow the scope of Respondents' discovery obligations. In total, the searches yielded tens of thousands of results. While such a large review of documents is not possible in any reasonable amount of time, the results did allow Petitioners to further narrow and prioritize the documents they wished Respondents to review. Respondents indicated their willingness to undertake reasonable efforts to proceed according to Petitioners' priorities.

Currently, Respondents' review is ongoing, according to the priorities identified by Petitioners. Petitioners also requested that Respondents attempt to locate a specific document that may be in the possession of the Task Force, and Respondents are attempting to comply with this request.

Dated: July 31, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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