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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

Lieutenant Commander CHARLES SWIFT, a  
resident of the State of Washington, as next  
friend for SALIM AHMED HAMDAN,  
Military Commission Detainee,  
Camp Echo,  
Guantanamo Bay Naval Base,  
Guantanamo Bay, Cuba,

Petitioner,

v.

DONALD H. RUMSFELD, United States  
Secretary of Defense; JOHN D.  
ALTENBURG, Jr., Appointing Authority for  
Military Commissions, Department of Defense;  
Brigadier General THOMAS L.  
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Appointing Authority for Military  
Commissions; Brigadier General JAY HOOD,  
Commander Joint Task Force, Guantanamo,  
Camp Echo, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba;  
GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United  
States,

Respondents.

NO. CV04-0777L

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8 Alternative, Writ of Habeas Corpus, which was filed on Tuesday, April 6, 2004. The  
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10 attached pages ii, iii, and iv include corrections to the Petition's table of contents and table of  
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12 authorities. The attached page 2 substitutes "July 3, 2003" for "July 3, 2004" at line 6.  
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1 eligible for trial by military commission pursuant to his Military Order of November 13,  
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3 2001. *See* Press Briefing of Senior Department of Defense ("DOD") Official and Senior  
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5 Military Officer, July 3, 2003, attached as Exhibit A to the Swift Decl.  
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8 In early December 2003, in preparation for trial by military commission,  
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10 Mr. Hamdan was placed in Camp Echo, "*our facility where we hold the pre-commission*  
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12 *detainees.*" Press Briefing of Army Major General Geoffrey D. Miller, Feb. 13, 2004, at 30,  
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14 attached as Exhibit C to the Swift Decl. (emphasis added). Conditions in Camp Echo are  
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16 tantamount to solitary confinement, in that Mr. Hamdan is held in isolation from all other  
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18 prisoners and permitted no visitors except Lieutenant Commander Swift. Yet as of the date  
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20 of this Petition, DOD still has not set a trial date or even advised Mr. Hamdan regarding the  
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22 nature of the charges on which he is to be tried.  
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26 Lieutenant Commander Swift is under orders to serve as Defense Counsel within the  
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28 Office of Military Commissions in the Office of the General Counsel of the United States  
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30 Department of Defense, as established pursuant to the Military Order. *See* Official Change  
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32 of Duty Orders for Lieutenant Commander Swift, Sept. 2003, attached as Exhibit F to the  
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34 Swift Decl. On December 18, 2003, Lieutenant Commander Swift was assigned to serve as  
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36 Mr. Hamdan's appointed military defense counsel and he continues to serve in that capacity  
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38 as of the date of this Petition. Lieutenant Commander Swift is under legal and military  
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40 obligation to zealously represent Mr. Hamdan's interests and as such is a proper "next  
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42 friend" for the purpose of this Petition. Lieutenant Commander Swift is legally domiciled in  
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44 the Western District of Washington State and is entitled to seek relief in this Court.  
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