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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADNAN FARHAN ABD AL LATIF ALA'DINI (ISN 156)	) ) )
Petitioner,	)
v.	Civil Action No. 04-cv-1254 (HHK)
BARACK H. OBAMA, President of the United States, et al.,	) ) )
Respondents.	) ) )

## Exhibit 34

Petitioner's Declaration (May 10, 2009)

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## DECLARATION OF ADNAN FARHAN ABD AL LATIF

I, Adnan Farhan Abdul Latif, state that the following information is based on my personal knowledge and is true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief. If called as a witness in this matter, I could and would testify competently to the matters set forth in this declaration.

- 1. I was born in 1976 in Yemen. I have four sisters and two brothers.

  Before I left Yemen in the summer of 2001, I worked with my father at his home goods store. I am married and have one son, who was born in 1999. At the date of this declaration, my son is ten years old. I have not seen him in nearly eight years.
- 2. In 1994, I was in a serious automobile accident. The car I was in rolled over. My head, eyes, ears, and skull were seriously injured during the accident. I had a hemorrhage above my left eye, which caused blood to concentrate in that area. My left eardrum was punctured. My skull was also broken during the accident.
- 3. Following the accident, the Government of Yemen paid for me to travel to Jordan to receive medical treatment. I spent three months at the Islamic Jordanian Hospital in Amman, Jordan. Although my condition improved during my stay at the hospital, my doctor recommended that I return to the hospital six months after my discharge for further treatment.
- 4. After I was released from the hospital, I returned to Yemen. I continued to suffer severe headaches, difficulty with my vision, and impaired hearing as a result of the automobile accident. These injuries, along with other medical problems

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such as arthritis, cause me severe pain to this day. I was unable to work because of these injuries. The government of Yemen designated me as a disabled person.

- 5. Medical care in Yemen is unreliable and not widely available. Many people leave the country to seek medical care, as I had done after my accident when I went to Jordan. However, my family did not have enough money to send me back to Jordan to complete my medical treatment, and the Government of Yemen was unwilling to pay for a second trip.
- 6. The headaches and other pains associated with my injuries were difficult for me to bear, but I had no money to seek further medical treatment. I began to look for charitable organizations that would pay for my medical treatment. I asked people at mosques, clinics, and other organizations if they knew of any organization that could help me get the medical treatment I needed. I even had a letter from Abdullah bin Hussain al Ahmar, the speaker of the Parliament. Urging people to help me find medical help.
- 7. Some people in the hospitals told me that I could find free medical help in Pakistan. Ibrahim, a Yemeni who I met in Jam-eiah Islam, one of the charitable organizations I approached in Yemen, told me that he was going to Pakistan soon and suggested that I find him there. He gave me his contact information. He promised me that, if I went to Pakistan, he would take me to a charitable medical clinic that would provide me with free medical care for my continuing medical problems.
- 8. In the summer of 2001, I traveled to Pakistan and tried to find Ibrahim.

  I discovered that Ibrahim had gone to Kabul, Afghanistan, to administer charitable activities there. I followed him to Afghanistan. I took a bus to Quetta, Pakistan, and then

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a taxi from Quetta into Afghanistan. I went to Kabul and located Ibrahim at an Islamic studies institute that he helped to run. He told me that he was too busy to accompany me to Pakistan, but that he would soon return and go with me to the clinic in Pakistan. He offered to let me stay at the Islamic studies institute in Kabul until he was available to go with me to Pakistan.

- 9. I waited several weeks at the institute in Afghanistan, but Ibrahim never returned. After the United States began Bombing Afghanistan in late 2001, some of the local people told me that I needed to leave Afghanistan for my safety. They told me that military forces from northern Afghanistan, which had allied with the United States, were rapidly advancing towards Kabul, and that they were likely to kill any Arabs they found. I took their advice and fled towards Pakistan. I traveled for many days and was arrested by Pakistani forces after I crossed the border into Pakistan. I was then transferred to the custody of the United States, who sent me to the prison at Guantánamo Bay. I was only in Afghanistan for a few months.
- 10. The United States Government says that my purpose in going to Afghanistan was to fight jihad. This allegation is not true. I went to Afghanistan for the first time in the summer of 2001 to find Ibrahim, who had promised me that he could help me get free medical treatment in Pakistan for my chronic painful medical conditions. I never told anyone that I went to Afghanistan to fight in a jihad. Given my medical conditions and disabilities, I was in no shape to be a fighter of any kind.
- 11. I do not know if Ibrahim was or was not a member of Al Qaeda, though I am not aware of any facts that would indicate that this was the case. As far as I

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am aware, his only activities in Afghanistan were to run charitable medical clinics and other charitable activities.

- 12. I have never received any weapons training, from the Taliban, at any training camp, or anywhere else. I have never participated in military fighting in Afghanistan or anywhere else. I never told anyone that I received weapons training, attended a training camp, or participated in military fighting. As I have already stated, my only purpose in going to Afghanistan was to find the individual who promised me free medical care.
- 13. The United States says that I have many aliases. I use only two names: My legal name is Adnan Farhan Abdul Latif, but I prefer to go by my religious name, Abdelrahman Abdulla Abdel Jalil. I have never used any other names or aliases. I have no affiliation or connection with al Qaeda or the Taliban. My sole purpose in going to Afghanistan was to find the individual who said he could help me get medical treatment in Pakistan.
- 14. I have no connection to al Qaeda and I have never served as any kind of bodyguard for anyone. I have never met Osama bin Laden. I have never seen Osama bin Laden. Until my interrogators asked me about Osama bin Laden, I had never even heard of him.
- 15. I am not and have never been a member of any military organization.

  I have never participated in any kind of military hostilities against the United States, its allies, or any other nation or organization. I am not and never have been a member of the Taliban. I am not and never have been a member of al Qaeda. I am a disabled person

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who was looking for affordable medical treatment for very painful and long-lasting medical conditions.

16. I intend no harm to the United States, its people, or its allies. If released, I will return to Yemen to be reunited with my family, and I will seek medical treatment for my chronic conditions, which have only become more painful and severe during my seven years in this prison.

