

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

KHALED A.F. AL ODAH, Next Friend of
Fawzi Khalid Abdullah Fahad Al Odah, *et*
al.,

Petitioners,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Civil Action No. 02-828 (CKK)

ORDER

(September 17, 2004)

On August 27, 2004, Petitioners filed their Motion to Compel Responsive Pleading and Return Forthwith [66] and their attendant Motion to Expedite [67]. An examination of Petitioners' Motion to Compel indicates that Petitioners are seeking a response from the Government indicating the factual and legal basis of Petitioners' detention.

As an initial matter, the Court takes the opportunity to clarify the intent of its Order issued July 23, 2004, requiring Defendants to file, *inter alia*, "a written response to the Petitioners' underlying petitions for writs of habeas corpus, specifically addressing . . . the legal merits of the Government's entitlement to monitor any of Petitioners' conversations with counsel . . ." Docket Entry [38]. Subsequently, Petitioners filed their Motion to Compel Responsive Pleading and Return Forthwith [66], in which they allege that the Government is in violation of the Court's July 23, 2004, Order, because the Government has not certified the cause of Petitioners' detention. *See* Docket Entry [66] at 1-2. Contrary to Petitioners' assertion, the Court finds that the Government's response, filed on July 30, 2004, *see* Docket Entry [46], fully complied with the July 23, 2004,

