

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

ELHAM BATTAYAV,

Petitioner/Plaintiff,

v.

GEORGE W. BUSH,

President of the United States
et al.,

Respondents/Defendants.

Civil Action No.1:05-cv-714 (RBW)

**DECLARATION OF THOMAS R. JOHNSON REGARDING EVIDENCE OF
AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT PETITIONER**

I, Thomas R. Johnson, Jr., declare that the following statements are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief:

1. I am a partner of Perkins Coie LLP, counsel for Petitioner in the above-captioned action. I offer this declaration with respect to Section III.C.2 of the Revised Procedures for Counsel Access to Detainees at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

2. On August 22, 23, and 24, 2005, I met with petitioner, Mr. Elham Battayav, at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. During our meetings, I presented Mr. Battayav with an Acknowledgement of Representation, which he signed. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the Acknowledgement of Representation, signed by both me and Mr. Battayav.

3. I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 6th day of September, 2005 in Portland, Oregon.

/s/ Thomas R. Johnson
Thomas R. Johnson, Jr. (OSB # 01064)

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