

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

)	Civil Action Nos.
)	02-CV-0299 (CKK), 02-CV-0828 (CKK),
)	02-CV-1130 (CKK), 04-CV-1135 (ESH),
<i>In re Guantanamo Detainee Cases</i>)	04-CV-1136 (JDB), 04-CV-1137 (RMC),
)	04-CV-1142 (RJL), 04-CV-1144 (RWR),
)	04-CV-1164 (RBW), 04-CV-1166 (RJL),
)	04-CV-1194 (HHK), 04-CV-1227 (RBW),
)	04-CV-1254 (HHK), 04-CV-1519 (JR)

ORDER REQUIRING SUBMISSION OF CLASSIFIED FACTUAL RETURNS

Pursuant to a scheduling order issued September 20, 2004, respondents have been filing with the Court and serving on opposing counsel returns stating the factual bases for the government's detention of the petitioners seeking habeas relief in this jurisdiction. The returns filed and served so far have been redacted or are otherwise not fully complete to protect the confidentiality of classified information. Counsel for respondents, however, have represented to the Court that they would prepare classified and unclassified versions of each return and would share the classified versions upon the entry of an appropriate protective order and the receipt by opposing counsel of the requisite security clearances. *See, e.g.*, letter to the Court from Thomas R. Lee, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, dated August 31, 2004, at 2 n. 3. In fact, at the October 20, 2004 status hearing on protective order issues, counsel for respondents stated that the classified materials are already in the respondents' possession. Transcript of October 20, 2004 status hearing at 31-33.

Disputes between the parties concerning protective order issues have been briefed and

