

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT

NIZAR SASSI, et al.,

Petitioners,

v.

GEORGE WALKER BUSH, President of
the United States of America in both his
official and individual capacities, et al.,

Respondents.

Civil Action No. 04-0547 (JDB)

ORDER

Upon consideration of the petition for writ of habeas corpus filed on April 5, 2004, and the motion for expedited consideration filed on the same day, and it appearing to the Court as stated in petitioners' papers that petitioners seek "to provide the Supreme Court with a choice of vehicles through which it may exercise" jurisdiction over the issue it accepted for review and consideration in Al Odah v. United States, 321 F.3d 1134 (D.C. Cir. 2003), cert. granted sub nom. Rasul v. Bush, ___ U.S. ___, 124 S. Ct. 534 (2003), and seek "[t]o ensure that the issue remains before the [Supreme] Court" for the scheduled April 20, 2004, argument, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. The motion for expedited consideration is GRANTED;
2. Respondents shall respond to the petition by not later than April 13, 2004; and
3. Counsel for petitioners is DIRECTED to serve on the Chief of the Civil Division, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, the Attorney General of the United States, the Solicitor General of the United States, and Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of the

Department of Defense, copies of the petition for writ of habeas corpus and the motion for expedited consideration, by not later than close of business on April 8, 2004, unless service has already been made on those respondents.



JOHN D. BATES
United States District Judge

Dated: April 8, 2004

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