

EXHIBIT F

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

IN RE GUANTÁNAMO BAY
DETAINEE CONTINUED ACCESS
TO COUNSEL

Case No. 12-MC-398 (RCL)

DECLARATION OF JOHN CHARLES SNODGRASS

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare:

1. I am an attorney in the law firm of Pepper Hamilton LLP, Hamilton Square, 600 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005-2004. I submit this in support of the Emergency Motion to Compel Access to Counsel, filed with this declaration.
2. Since 2005, I have represented Abd al Hakim Ghalib Ahmad Alhag (ISN 686), a Yemeni man who has been imprisoned by the government for more than eleven years at Guantánamo Bay without being accused of or charged with any crime.
3. Several years ago, after a review of Mr. Alhag’s case by the government’s Detainee Review Task Force and its determination that he does not pose a threat to the United States or its allies, Mr. Alhag was “cleared for transfer” from Guantánamo Bay. But he has not been transferred. Instead, he languishes in prison with a large number of other men who are also “cleared for transfer.”
4. I have traveled to Guantánamo Bay on several occasions since 2006 to meet with Mr. Alhag in connection with his petition for a writ of habeas corpus. I have also spoken with him on the telephone several times since 2006. Throughout the time that I have represented him, Mr. Alhag has never refused to meet with me or speak with me on the telephone.

5. On Monday, May 13, 2013, I was scheduled to speak with Mr. Alhag by telephone. At the outset of the call, an individual from Guantánamo Bay informed me that Mr. Alhag had “refused” the call. The individual had no further information about Mr. Alhag’s “refusal,” and would not allow me to convey a message to Mr. Alhag indicating that I was on the line and waiting to speak with him. If it is true that Mr. Alhag refused to speak with me, it is the first time in the eight years that I have represented Mr. Alhag that this has happened.

6. Mr. Alhag suffers severe pain from a serious back injury. It would greatly exacerbate his suffering if the government were to require Mr. Alhag to be shackled in a hunched-over or kneeling position in order to meet or speak with his attorneys.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on May 21, 2013
Washington, DC

/s/ John C. Snodgrass
John C. Snodgrass