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Supreme Court of the United States
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In re: *Uthman v. Obama*, No. 11-413
Almerfedí v. Obama, No. 11-683
Latif v. Obama, D.C. Cir. No. 10-5319

Dear Mr. Suter:

The Court is scheduled to consider the petition for certiorari in *Uthman v. Obama*, No. 11-413, at its Conference of January 6, 2012. In broad terms, the petitioner, a Guantánamo detainee, asks the Court to consider the proper standards for determining the lawfulness of detentions at the Guantánamo Bay detention facilities.

A second Guantánamo detainee has also filed a petition for certiorari raising similar issues, *Almerfedí v. Obama*, No. 11-683 (filed Nov. 7, 2011); and on January 11, 2012, a third Guantánamo detainee will file a petition also raising similar issues, *Latif v. Obama*, D.C. Cir. No. 10-5319.

Because the three cases present similar questions, we respectfully suggest that the Court hold the petitions in *Uthman*, No. 11-413, and *Almerfedí*, No. 11-683, for consideration with the petition to be filed in *Latif*.

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We would appreciate your bringing this letter to the Court's attention.

Sincerely,

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