

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT**

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MAHER ARAR,	:	
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Plaintiff/Appellant	:	
	:	
-- against --	:	
	:	06-4216-CV
JOHN ASHCROFT, Attorney General of the	:	
United States, LARRY D. THOMPSON,	:	
formerly Acting Deputy Attorney General,	:	PLAINTIFF/APPELLANT'S
TOM RIDGE, Secretary of State of	:	NOTICE OF LODGING
Homeland Security, J. SCOTT BLACKMAN,	:	AND DECLARATION IN
Regional Formerly Director of the Regional	:	SUPPORT THEREOF
Office of Immigration and Naturalization	:	
Services, PAULA CORRIGAN, Regional	:	
Director of Immigration and Customs	:	
Enforcement, JOHN DOE 1-10, FEDERAL	:	
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION and/or	:	
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION:	:	
SERVICE AGENTS, JAMES W. ZIGLAR,	:	
formerly Commissioner for Immigration and	:	
Naturalization Services, UNITED STATES,	:	
	:	
Defendants/Appellees.	:	
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I, MARIA LAHOOD, an attorney admitted to practice before this Court, hereby declare that the following statements are true, accurate, and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief:

1. I am an attorney for Plaintiff/Appellant Maher Arar in the above-captioned case. I submit this declaration in support of Mr. Arar's Notice of

Lodging of the attached document, referenced in his Replacement Reply Brief for Rehearing *En Banc*, filed herewith.

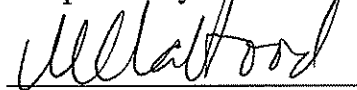
2. In 2003, counsel for Mr. Arar submitted a request to the United States Department of Justice (“DOJ”) under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), requesting records discussing Maher Arar.

3. In September 2008, DOJ provided a response to that request, which included the document attached hereto. I certify that the attached document is a true and correct copy of the document I received from DOJ.

4. On information and belief, the reference to “Otus, Ag” on the attached document, which is listed as the name of a required attendee at an October 4, 2002 meeting (last name first), is an acronym for, and reference to, the Attorney General of the United States.

Date: New York, New York
November 14, 2008

Respectfully submitted,



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Subject: Updated: Immigration Matter

Start: Fri 10/4/02 1:40 PM

End: Fri 10/4/02 2:15 PM

Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Required Attendees: Otus, Ag; Thompson, Larry D; Ayres, David; Laufman, David H; Taylor, Jeffrey; Levey, Stuart; Fisher, Alice

AG's Office

Staff: DAG Thompson, David Ayres, David Laufman, Jeff Taylor, FBI Kim Samson, FBI John Pistole, Stuart Levey, Alice Fisher