IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

MAHER ARAR,

Plaintiff/Appellant

– against –

JOHN ASHCROFT, Attorney General of the United States, LARRY D. THOMPSON, formerly Acting Deputy Attorney General, TOM RIDGE, Secretary of State of Homeland Security, J. SCOTT BLACKMAN, Regional Formerly Director of the Regional 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.

PLAINTIFF/APPELLANT’S NOTICE OF LODGING AND DECLARATION IN SUPPORT THEREOF

06-4216-CV

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
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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