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July 20, 2020

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Honorable Mark Langer  
Clerk of Court  
United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: *Hassoun v. Searls*, Case No. 20-5191  
Appellant's Notice of Intent to Remove

Dear Mr. Langer,

The Government notifies the Court that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) intends to remove Petitioner Adham Amin Hassoun from the United States to a third country during the week of July 20, 2020. *See* Marlen Piñeiro Decl. ¶ 6 (attached). The U.S. government has reached an agreement with a third country to accept Petitioner upon his removal from the United States. Piñeiro Decl. ¶ 5. ICE is unaware of any obstacles that would prevent Petitioner's removal as scheduled. Piñeiro Decl. ¶ 6.

Undersigned counsel has informed Hassoun's counsel of this information and provided counsel the name of the third country.

The Government also notices this Court that on July 16, 2020, in the related case pending before that court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit entered an order granting the Government's stay motion. *See* Order, *Hassoun v. Searls*, No. 20-2056 (2d Cir. July 16, 2020) (attached). The Second Circuit's order grants the stay until further order of the court and noted that an opinion is forthcoming.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Anthony D. Bianco*

Anthony D. Bianco  
Senior Counsel for National Security  
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Office of Immigration Litigation

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ADHAM AMIN HASSOUN,

Petitioner,

Case No. 1:19-cv-370-EAW

v.

JEFFREY SEARLS, in his official capacity  
as Acting Assistant Field Office Director and  
Administrator, Buffalo Federal Detention  
Center,

Respondent.

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**DECLARATION OF MARLEN PIÑEIRO**

I, Marlen Piñeiro, declare as follows:

1. I am employed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), as the Assistant Director for Removal. ERO's Removal Division, located at ICE Headquarters in Washington, D.C., is responsible for assisting ERO's field offices in obtaining travel documents necessary to execute administratively final orders of removal, as well as coordinating, managing, and facilitating the return/removal of aliens from the United States. I have been permanently employed with ICE and the former Immigration and Naturalization Service since 1987, and I have been serving in my current position since December 2013.
2. My present duties include complete oversight of removal operations to include travel document procurement and ICE Air Operations.
3. This declaration is based upon my personal knowledge, information provided to me in my official capacity, and information obtained from records maintained by DHS.

4. I am familiar with the removal case of Adham Hassoun, Alien Number: A074-079-095. Mr. Hassoun is the subject of an administratively final order of removal as of June 27, 2003. On October 14, 2017, Mr. Hassoun was taken into ICE custody after completing his criminal sentence for conspiracy to murder, kidnap and maim persons in a foreign country; conspiracy to provide material support to terrorism; and providing material support to terrorists. He remains detained in ICE custody at the Buffalo Federal Detention Facility (BFDF) in Batavia, New York.
5. Coordinated efforts by ICE, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the U.S. Department of State (DOS) have successfully resulted in an agreed-upon plan to remove Mr. Hassoun to a third country, including affirmative agreement by the Government of that third country to accept Mr. Hassoun's resettlement.
6. ICE is now in the process of finalizing the logistical arrangements required to effectuate such removal, which is scheduled to occur during the week of July 20, 2020. At this time, there are no known obstacles that would prevent Mr. Hassoun's removal as scheduled.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief, and based upon records maintained in the ordinary course of business.

Signed on this 15th day of July 2020.



Marlen Piñeiro  
Assistant Director for Removal  
ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations

W.D.N.Y.  
19-cv-370  
Elizabeth A. Wolford, J.

United States Court of Appeals  
FOR THE  
SECOND CIRCUIT

At a stated term of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, held at the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, in the City of New York, on the 16th day of July, two thousand twenty.

PRESENT:

José A. Cabranes,  
Richard J. Sullivan,  
Steven J. Menashi,  
*Circuit Judges.*

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Adham Amin Hassoun,

*Appellee-Petitioner,*

v.

**ORDER**

20-2056

Jeffrey Searls, in his official capacity as  
Acting Assistant Field Office Director and  
Administrator, Buffalo Federal Detention Facility,

*Appellant-Respondent.*

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The Government moves for a stay, pending appeal, of the District Court's June 29, 2020 decision granting Appellee-Petitioner Adham Amin Hassoun's 28 U.S.C. § 2241 habeas petition and ordering Hassoun's release. **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Government's stay motion is **GRANTED**. The stay will remain in effect until further order of this Court. An opinion will be forthcoming.

For the Court:  
Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe,  
Clerk of Court

  
