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The Honorable David B. Mitchell  
111 North Calvert Street  
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Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: Adnan Syed  
Case No.: 199103042-46

Dear Judge Mitchell,

Mr. Harry Marshall, Senior Legal Advisor - Office of International Affairs, called me on April 14, 1999. I returned his call on April 15, 1999. Mr. Marshall indicated to me that he had been contacted by Douglas Colbert, Esquire. Mr. Colbert forwarded the transcript of Syed's Habeas Corpus hearing to Mr. Marshall as well as to the Pakistani Embassy.

Mr. Colbert questioned Mr. Marshall about the validity of statements that I made regarding the pendency of other matters where Pakistani individuals were involved. Mr. Marshall chose not to comment to Mr. Colbert regarding my statements. Mr. Marshall then contacted me to express a concern that two of the statements that I made to the Court were the product of information that I misconstrued during our conversation. I wanted to call those instances to the Court's attention in an effort to correct the record.


The first statement concerns the comment regarding the pattern of young students who had been jilted, committed murder and fled to Pakistan. Mr. Marshall advises that there is not a pattern, but rather the point that he was attempting to make was that in general there were a number of problematic extradition requests pending in Pakistan, relating to Pakistani fugitives who have been charged with serious crimes in the United States and have fled to Pakistan.

The second comment involves the reference to the pending Chicago case. That case parallels Syed's case only that it involves a Pakistani male charged with murder where the victim was known to the defendant and an element of treachery / deceit was involved.

Mr. Marshall reiterated in his conversation with me that he remains persuaded that to rely on the existence of an extradition treaty as a basis of bail would be unwise.

I apologize to the court for any remarks that may have misled the court. There was no intent on my part to do so. If this necessitates any further action on my part, please advise me accordingly.

Sincerely

  
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cc: Douglas Colbert, Esq.  
Mr. Harry Marshall, International Affairs