

FEDERAL COURT

BETWEEN :

OMAR AHMED KHADR

Applicant

- and -

THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA,  
THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE DIRECTOR OF THE CANADIAN  
SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, and  
THE COMMISSIONER OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Respondents

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AFFIDAVIT OF APRIL BEDARD

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I, April Bedard, legal assistant, of the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta,  
MAKE OATH AND SAY:

1. I am a legal assistant with the law firm of Parlee McLaws LLP and as such have personal knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to.
2. I have reviewed Part 1 of a video recording of a statement made by the Respondent the Prime Minister of Canada from Tokyo, Japan, on July 10, 2008, and available on the website of CTV News at: <http://watch.ctv.ca/news/clip65779#clip65779>. I have transcribed the excerpt of this statement beginning at approximately 3:40 of this video as follows:

Reporter: You have been at times a vocal, uh, critic of the human rights uh records of other countries on the world stage, uh in particular China, um but now we learn that uh Canadian officials uh knew that that Omar Khadr um was tortured. Um, just wondering how you square those two ideas and, and also um, uh why Canadian officials didn't do anything earlier.

Prime Minister Harper: Well, um we always act as a government on the basis of our uh, legal advice and international obligations. Um the previous government took a whole range, all of the information into account when they made the decision on how to proceed with the Khadr case several years ago. Um, as you know, Mr. Khadr is charged with extremely serious crimes, um there is a legal process underway um in uh by American authorities and uh Canada, as I say Canada has sought assurances that uh Mr. Khadr uh under our government will be treated humanely and that we are monitoring those legal processes very carefully and we think that that is the best way to go given all of the facts.


- 3. I have reviewed Part 2 of a video recording of a statement made by the Respondent the Prime Minister of Canada from Tokyo, Japan, on July 10, 2008, and available on the website of CTV News at: <http://watch.ctv.ca/news/clip65783#clip65783> I have transcribed the excerpt of this statement beginning at approximately 2:40 of this video as follows:

Reporter [Translation]: Mr. Prime Minister I know that you have said that the government, previous government had considered everything when they, when they made a decision but we learned today that the Canadian government knew that uh Mr. Khadr had been tortured but had been, had not been treated humanely as your government is saying. How do you react to that and will you be asking for the repatriation of uh M. Khadr to Canada?

Prime Minister Harper [Translation]: The answer is no, as I said the former government, in our government with uh the uh notification of the Minister of Justice had considered all these uh issues and the situation remains the same. Mr. Khadr has been charged with uh serious crimes and there is a, a due diligence and due process being done in the States and these arguments we have to follow in this procedure we do not, frank--, honestly we don't have a real alternative procedure not to get to the truth concerning those charges and we consider that this procedure should be going ahead so then we are looking at this procedure seriously and we keep on looking for ins--, insurances of good treatment of Mr. Khadr.

- 4. I make this Affidavit in support of the relief sought in the within Notice of Application.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the City of )  
 Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, this 8<sup>th</sup> )  
 day of August, 2008. )



A COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS IN AND FOR  
 THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA



APRIL BEDARD

**KATHLEEN A. KEHLER**  
 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  
 DEC. 31, 2009