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The Honorable Richard M. Berman
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Re: U.S. v. Aafia Siddiqui
08 Cr. 826

Application to submit
interim bills is granted.

SO ORDERED
Date: 9/24/08
Richard M. Berman
Richard M. Berman, U.S.D.J.

Dear Judge Berman,

I am writing to respectfully request the Court's permission to file an interim voucher in the above-captioned case.

Since my appointment as CJA counsel for Dr. Siddiqui on August 5, 2008, the case has absorbed the resources of my practice, and required the help of my two associates and the assistance of a paralegal.

Over the past few weeks, I have referred the majority of my retained cases to other attorneys. Dr. Siddiqui's case raises complex international law and human rights issues and has generated tremendous national and international attention.

From conducting legal research, to communicating daily with the Bureau of Prisons, to updating Dr. Siddiqui's family on her health condition, to fielding hundreds of telephone calls from press, human rights organizations, and individual supporters, my associates and I have already spent hundreds of hours working on this case. Therefore we ask that this Court grant us the right to file for interim fees.

Hon. Richard M. Berman
September 23, 2008
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Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth M. Fink". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'E' and a long, trailing flourish at the end.

Elizabeth M. Fink
Attorney for Aafia Siddiqui