

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

PAUL ALVIN SLOUGH,
NICHOLAS ABRAM SLATTEN,
EVAN SHAWN LIBERTY,
DUSTIN LAURENT HEARD,
DONALD WAYNE BALL,

Defendants

Cr. No. 08-360 (RMU)

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO JOINT DEFENSE MOTION
TO UNSEAL PROCEEDINGS PERTAINING TO MOTION TO
QUASH GRAND JURY SUBPOENAS**

The defendants in the above-captioned matter have moved jointly pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 6.1 to unseal “any papers, orders, and transcripts of hearings pertaining to any motions to quash, for lack of jurisdiction, subpoenas issued in connection with the grand jury’s investigation” into the crimes charged in this case. *Joint Defense Motion to Unseal Proceedings Pertaining to Motion to Quash Grand Jury Subpoenas* [**Document 31**]. The United States of America, by and through its attorney the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, hereby submits the following response.

In their motion, the defendants allege that “several Blackwater security guards who were present during the September 16th incident were subpoenaed . . . to give testimony” before the Grand Jury and that “some of the Blackwater security guards moved to quash the grand jury’s subpoenas on the ground that the grand jury did not have jurisdiction to investigate this matter.” *Joint Defense Motion*, at 2. The defendants also allege that there was an “ancillary proceeding” held under seal.

