UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ROBERT B. BERGDAHL,)
Plaintiff,)
V.) Civil Action No. 21-418 (RBW)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)))
Defendant.)

ORDER

For the reasons to be set forth in the Memorandum Opinion to be issued by the Court within the next sixty days, absent extraordinary circumstances, the Court will grant in part and deny in part the defendant's motion for reconsideration and deny the plaintiff's cross-motion for reconsideration. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Defendant's Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment, ECF No. 27, is **GRANTED IN PART AND DENIED IN PART**. The motion is **GRANTED** to the extent that it seeks clarification of the Court's July 25, 2023 Order. The motion is **DENIED** in all other respects. It is further

ORDERED that The Plaintiff's Cross-Motion to Alter or Amend the Judgment, ECF No. 28, is **DENIED**. It is further

ORDERED that this Order is not a final Order subject to appeal.¹

¹ To ensure that there is no confusion about the import of this Order, the Court notes for the benefit of the litigants that this Order is not a "final decision" as that term is used in 28 U.S.C. § 1291 (2018). See St. Marks Place Hous. Co. v. U.S. Dep't of Hous. & Urban Dev., 610 F.3d 75, 79 (D.C. Cir. 2010) ("[A]ppeals may be taken (with certain exceptions not relevant here) only from 'final decisions.'"); id. at 80 (concluding that "district courts can choose when to decide their cases," and when an order states that it "shall not be deemed . . . final," the Court should be "take[n] . . . at its word"). Rather, this Order reflects the Court's disposition of the motions, which was reached only after carefully and thoughtfully considering the arguments of the parties as set forth in their submissions, conducting (continued . . .)

SO ORDERED this 31st day of March, 2024.

REGGIE B. WALTON United States District Judge

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a thorough review of the record, and drafting a Memorandum Opinion that explains the Court's rationale in appropriate detail. With only non-substantive tasks (e.g., reviewing citations to ensure conformity with the Bluebook) remaining before the Memorandum Opinion can be released to the parties and the public, this matter no longer requires this Court's "judicial attention," and therefore the Court finds it appropriate to issue this Order expressing its disposition of the matter. See id. (questioning the "propriety" of resolving a motion which "still require[s] judicial attention").