

The Philadelphia Inquirer

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Melissa Steven

Phone: (215) 854-2838

Cell: (610) 717-7632

JOHN YOO COMMENTS ON SUIT FILED AGAINST HIM BY CONVICTED TERRORIST JOSE PADILLA

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15, 2008 – John Yoo, former Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the U.S. Justice Department, will make his first comments on the lawsuit filed against him on January 4 by convicted terrorist Jose Padilla. Yoo's thoughts will be featured in the Philadelphia Inquirer's Oped page on Wednesday, January 16.

While working for the Bush Justice Department in 2002, Yoo wrote a series of legal memorandums on the treatment and interrogations of detainees after the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Padilla is an American citizen who was kept in military custody as a suspected enemy combatant who had ties with al-Qaeda. Last August, Padilla and two codefendants were convicted of terrorist conspiracy.

Yoo worked on the legality of the decision to put Padilla in the hands of the military authorities in 2002, where Padilla was held for three and a half years without being charged. Padilla's lawyers are claiming that the memorandums Yoo authored were legal justification to torture detained terrorist suspects.

In Yoo's commentary tomorrow, he acknowledges the lawsuit pending against him and focuses on what he calls "lawfare," a tactic in which Yoo says terrorists are using the United States legal system as a weapon against Americans. Yoo discusses the implications for protecting the United States from another terrorist attack if Padilla's lawsuit succeeds.

Yoo grew up in the Philadelphia area and attended Episcopal Academy. He is currently a law professor at the University of California, Berkley, and a visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute.

About Philadelphia Media Holdings

Philadelphia Media Holdings, LLC, is the leading media company in the Philadelphia region. Privately held and locally owned, PMH is the owner of The Philadelphia Inquirer, Daily News, Philly.com, related online products and several community newspapers. With almost one million people reading The Inquirer each day, and 1.8 million on Sundays, The Inquirer is the region's most-read daily newspaper. Together with the Daily

News, the #1 tab newspaper in the region, and philly.com, the #1 website in the region, Philadelphia Media Holdings, LLC, reaches almost 2 million people each day.

#