

(e) Letter from Mr Komatsu to the Registrar dated 26 July 2007 in response to (c) above

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Dear Mr. Philippe Gautier,

Japan notes the contents of the post-hearing responses by the Russian Federation to the Tribunal's questions which were transferred by your letter dated 24 July 2007. Those responses appear to Japan to move beyond the limits of responses to the questions and to introduce new facts and to verge on a new round of written pleading. In view of the character of prompt release proceedings, and the need for urgency, Japan does not seek the opportunity to respond to Russia's filed responses, but does wish it to be understood that it does not necessarily accept the accuracy of facts, or the validity or arguments, on which it has had no chance to address the Tribunal.

Yours sincerely,


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