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ATTORNEYS FOR JOSH WOLF ENTER MEDIATION AS 200TH DAY OF CONFINEMENT APPROACHES

SAN FRANCISCO – On Thursday March 8th, Attorneys for incarcerated independent journalist Josh Wolf will enter mediation with U.S. District Court Judge William Alsup. The mediation, to be facilitated by U.S. Magistrate Joseph Spero, was requested by Alsup on the heels of national and international press coverage of Wolf's record setting 169th day of confinement for contempt as a journalist.

Over the past week, support for Wolf has grown with San Francisco District Attorney Kamala Harris and the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee adding their voices to the call for his release. On February 28th Harris stated, "the US Justice Department is walking down an ominous path by threatening journalists with prison time when they protect their confidential sources. In San Francisco the US attorney has held journalist Josh Wolf in prison since September 2006. Wolf should be released."

Wolf has already picked up overwhelming support from the professional journalist community for his principled stand, receiving two prestigious awards from the Society of Professional Journalists and garnering the support of the National Press Club, the Newspaper Guild, and the Northern California Media Workers' Guild among others. As the 200th day of Wolf's confinement approaches, his attorneys will have the opportunity to reach a compromise with Judge Alsup that could lead to Wolf's release.

Renowned first amendment advocate and published author Martin Garbus, Wolf's lead attorney, who will be in San Francisco for the mediation and will address the press at 2pm on Thursday, has stated that Wolf's "commitment to principle should be rewarded and not punished. He is a fine young man; a journalist in the best tradition. His continued imprisonment is a violation of both the first amendment and Josh's constitutional rights."

WHAT: Attorney's for Josh Wolf speak to the press

WHAT: Thursday, March 8th, 2pm

WHERE: Phillip Burton Federal Building, 450 Golden Gate Ave.

WHO: Martin Garbus, David Greene, Ponda Perkins (Attorneys for Josh Wolf)

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