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Far from learning, a more lasting—al-
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the secularism lamented by many Chris-
tians. Abandoning the church's ancient
tradition of independence from the state,
early Protestants subordinated Christian-
ity to rulers who wished to be free from
competing sources of authority. In places
like Henry VIII's England and Calvin's
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tual arms of the state. By subordinating
Christianity to the whims of temporal rul-
ers, Protestant churches began to lose
much of their relevance. And once this
was lost, secularization began.

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A Dangerous Blurring Of Two Kinds of Laws

Unfortunately, your Dec. 10 editorial
"An 'Enemy Combatant's' Rights" may
be accurate in describing Judge Muka-
sey's opinion in the Padilla case as a
victory for the president. To the extent
that the decision permits the president to
designate a person such as Jose Padilla,
whether citizen or not, as an enemy com-
batant, it is a win for the administration.
However, in my view, that decision is
erroneous. It dangerously blurs the dis-
tinction between criminal law and the
laws of war.

Padilla was allegedly planning a crim-
inal act. He was not, as far as is known,
acting on behalf of a state or part of the
armed forces of a state. In those circum-
stances, the laws of war are not applica-
ble and he cannot be treated as an enemy
combatant. He must be charged and
brought to trial under the many U.S.
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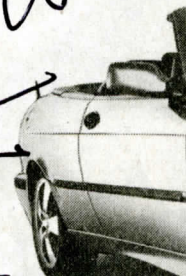
The administration apparently wants
to treat domestic criminal acts (alleged
acts of international terrorism) under
the laws of war. This gives it the advan-
tage of jailing people indefinitely without
charges and trial. However, those core
rights are guaranteed by our Constitu-
tion and by international law; they can-
not and should not be evaded by labeling
a detainee as an "enemy combatant."

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A Vote for Tom Kean

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