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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

HARJINDER SINGH; BALWINDER  
SINGH SHARMA

Plaintiffs,

v.

Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland  
Security, et al.

Defendants.

No. 1:08-cv-01704 LJO SMS

JOINT STIPULATION RE: FIRST  
EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO  
FILE DEFENDANTS' ANSWER AND  
ORDER

This is an immigration case in which plaintiffs have challenged the delay in the adjudication of their application for adjustment of status by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS). The parties respectfully inform the Court that they are endeavoring to reach a resolution to the matter at the administrative level. Accordingly, the parties stipulate to a first extension of time in which to file the government's answer to the complaint, until March 16, 2009.

Dated: January 6, 2009

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ORDER

Pursuant to this Joint Stipulation and for the reasons stated therein, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the date for filing the government's Answer to the complaint is extended to March 15, 2009.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 21, 2009

/s/ Sandra M. Snyder  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE