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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 11 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 12 **FRESNO DIVISION**

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 14 ALICIA LEBUS,)
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 15 Plaintiff,)
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 16 v.)
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 17 MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,)
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 18 Commissioner of Social Security,)
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 19 Defendant.)
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CIVIL NO. 09-448-GSA

STIPULATION AND ORDER EXTENDING
 FOR DEFENDANT TO RESPOND TO
 PLAINTIFF'S CONFIDENTIAL LETTER

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1 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by the undersigned for the respective parties, subject to the
2 approval of the Court, that Defendant shall have until January 11, 2010, to respond to Plaintiff's
3 confidential letter. This extension is requested because Defendant's counsel will be on leave for over
4 two weeks in December and needs additional time to explore the possibility of settlement.

5 Respectfully submitted,

6 /s/ Harvey Peter Sackett *
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8 Plaintiff's Attorney

* by Armand Roth by email authorization of 11/23//09

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14 Dated: November 30, 2009

/s/ Armand D. Roth
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15 **ORDER**

16 Upon the request of the parties, the stipulation is granted. Defendant shall answer Plaintiff
17 confidential letter no later than **January 11, 2010**. Plaintiff's opening brief shall be due no later than
18 **February 10, 2010**. Defendant's opposition shall be filed no later than **March 12, 2010**. Plaintiff's
19 reply brief shall be due no later than **March 29, 2010**.

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22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

23 Dated: November 30, 2009

/s/ Gary S. Austin
24 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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