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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF OREGON

AL-HARAMAIN ISLAMIC FOUNDATION, *et al.*,

Case No. CV 06-274-KI

Plaintiffs,

V.

GEORGE W. BUSH, et al.,

Defendants.

PLAINTIFFS' RESPONSE TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND FOR LEAVE TO FILE CONSOLIDATED RESPONSE; PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO FILE REPLY TO DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO MOTION TO COMPEL; PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO DEFENDANTS' DISPOSITIVE MOTION; and PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF DISCOVERY DEADLINE

# LOCAL RULE 7.1(a) CERTIFICATION

The parties have made a good faith effort to resolve the issues raised in this Response and Motion. Defendants have no objection to Plaintiffs filing a response to Defendants' forthcoming Motion to Dismiss on July 24, 2006, or to Plaintiffs filing a reply brief in support of their Motion to Compel on June 30, 2006, before briefing is complete on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss. However, Defendants oppose the resolution of Plaintiffs' Motion to Compel separately from and before Defendants' Motion to Dismiss is fully briefed, heard, and ripe for decision, because the basis for Defendants' position on both matters will be the same state secrets privilege assertion.

# 1. PLAINTIFFS' RESPONSE TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR EXTENSION

Plaintiffs have no objection to Defendants' motion to extend the time to respond to the Complaint until June 16, 2006, and to extend the time to respond to the Motion to Compel to the same date, June 16, 2006.

# 2. <u>PLAINTIFFS' OBJECTION TO DEFENDANTS' FILING CONSOLIDATED</u> <u>RESPONSES, AND PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST TO ALLOW FILING OF REPLY</u> <u>TO DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO COMPEL</u>

A. Plaintiffs do object to Defendants filing a consolidated response, and believe the discovery motion and answer to the Complaint should be considered separately by the Court.

Although the Court allowed discovery to proceed several months ago, defendants have refused to produce one document, have refused to answer a single interrogatory, and have refused to produce a witness for deposition in response to plaintiffs' discovery requests. Plaintiffs filed requests for production of documents; defendants objected to each request. Plaintiffs filed interrogatories; defendants objected to each interrogatory. Plaintiffs noticed Barbara C. Hammerle, Acting Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, to a deposition in Washington, D.C. on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Defendants "will soon file a motion . . . to quash the deposition . . ." (Defendants' Motion, p. 3).

To first deal with defendants' objections to interrogatories, plaintiffs have filed a motion to compel. Plaintiffs urge the Court to resolve this issue <u>before</u> their response is due to what they anticipate will be defendants' dispositive motion. If the motion to compel is then granted, the interrogatory responses can be utilized by plaintiffs in their response to the dispositive motion. The requested briefing schedule set out below, if accepted by the Court, should allow this to happen.

B. Although replies in discovery are not allowed by the local court rules, given defendants' intention to assert the state secrets privilege in their response to plaintiffs' motion to compel to be filed on June 16<sup>th</sup>, plaintiffs request the Court's permission to file a reply to the response by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Plaintiffs further request that the motion to compel be resolved before their response is due to what they anticipate will be defendants' dispositive motion so that if the motion to compel is granted, the interrogatory responses can be utilized in plaintiffs' response to the dispositive motion.

# 3. <u>PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE</u> <u>RESPONSE TO DEFENDANTS' ANTICIPATED DISPOSITIVE MOTION</u>.

Plaintiffs request that after defendants' response to the complaint is filed on June 16, 2006, plaintiffs be allowed until July 24, 2006 to respond to defendants' dispositive motion. In part, this request is based upon the hope that the issues raised by defendants' motion to limit access, and plaintiffs' motion to compel, will be resolved before July 24<sup>th</sup> in plaintiffs' favor, allowing plaintiffs to then use the document and interrogatory responses in their response to the dispositive motion.

# 4. <u>PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST TO EXTEND DISCOVERY DEADLINE</u>

Finally, plaintiffs request that the present discovery deadline of June 30, 2006 be extended. It may not make sense to set a discovery deadline at this point with discovery in *de facto* abeyance until the issues defendants raise essentially objecting to all discovery are resolved by the Court.

DATED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing PLAINTIFFS' RESPONSE TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME upon the following:

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- \_X\_ by <u>MAILING</u> a full, true and correct copy in a sealed envelope, with postage paid, addressed to the above-named party at last known address, and deposited with U.S. Postal Service in Portland, Oregon on this date.
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DATED: June 2, 2006.

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