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 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 10 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 11 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

12 JAMES ARTHUR MATTSON,
 13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 UNITED STATES FEDERAL BUREAU
 OF INVESTIGATION,
 16 Defendant.
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) No. C 08-4331 VRW

) **PARTIES' JOINT REQUEST TO BE**
) **EXEMPT FROM FORMAL ADR**
) **PROCESS**

18 Each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled "Dispute
 19 Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California," or the specified portions of the ADR
 20 Unit's Internet site <www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov>, discussed the available dispute resolution
 21 options provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might benefit
 22 from any of them.

23 Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial because this
 24 action is limited to Plaintiff's FOIA request to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for responsive
 25 records and all non-exempt portions thereof pertaining to himself. Given the substance of the
 26 action and the lack of any potential middle ground, ADR will only serve to multiply the
 27 proceedings and unnecessarily tax court resources.

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