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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

PHILLIP A. SAYLES,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES,

Defendant.

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No. C-11-00714 EDL

**ORDER SETTING MOTION HEARING  
DATE AND ORDERING PARTIES TO  
MEET AND CONFER**

On March 30, 2011, Plaintiff filed a Motion to Leave to Amend the Complaint, a Motion to Supplement the Complaint and a Motion to Join Additional Party Defendant. Plaintiff did not meet and confer with Defendant's counsel prior to filing the motions because Defendant's counsel had not yet made an appearance in this case.

The Court has set a hearing on Plaintiff's Motions for May 17, 2011 at 4:15 p.m. in Courtroom E, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA. Now that Defendant's counsel has appeared in this case, the Court also orders the parties to meet and confer as soon as reasonably possible in an effort to resolve these motions without the need for a hearing, keeping in mind that "[t]he court should freely grant leave [to amend] when justice so requires." Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 15(a)(2). For Plaintiff's reference, Defendant's counsel is Assistant United States Attorney Joann Swanson, who can be reached at the United States Attorney's Office at 415-436-7200.

If Plaintiff has not done so already, he may wish to seek assistance from the Legal Help Center, a free service of the Volunteer Legal Services Program, by calling 415-782-9000 x8657 or signing up for an appointment on the 15th Floor of the Courthouse, Room 2796. At the Legal Help Center, Plaintiff may speak with an attorney who may be able to provide basic legal help, but not legal representation. The Court also urges Plaintiff to obtain a copy of the Pro Se Handbook,

1 available free of charge from the Court's website (www.cand.uscourts.gov) or in the Clerk's Office  
2 on the 16th Floor, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA.

3 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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5 Dated: April \_8\_, 2011

*Elizabeth D. Laporte*  
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ELIZABETH D. LAPORTE  
United States Magistrate Judge

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