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1 2 3 4 5 6 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 7 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 8 9 WANXIA LIAO. 10 11 Plaintiff, No. C 11-02494 WHA 12 13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ERIC HOLDER, Attorney General of United States, STEPHANIE 14 DOUGLAS, Special Agent in Charge for FBI San Francisco, JOSEPH P. RUSSONIELLO, U.S. 15 CASE MANAGEMENT Attorney for California, SAUNDRA BROWN ORDER AND ORDER 16 ARMSTRONG, U.S. District Court Judge, PHYLLIS TO SHOW CAUSE HAMILTON, U.S. District Court Judge, KAY YU, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for State of 17 California, "JLM," clerk to defendant Judge Armstrong, QUELITA BOURGEOIS, Financial 18 Technician for U.S. District Court, MOLLY DWYER, 19 Clerk of the 9th Cir. Court of Appeal, MACON PHILLIPS, White House Director of New Media, 20 CNN, WASHINGTON POST, WALL STREET JOURNAL, TOPIX.COM, 21 Defendants. 22 23 A case management conference was held on October 27, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. 24 Despite proper notice, plaintiff Wanxia Liao did not attend. Less than 48 hours before the 25 hearing, she filed a motion to allow her to attend by telephone. This came to the undersigned 26 judge's attention shortly before the case management conference. At the case management 27

conference, the Court **DENIED** the motion because the telephone facilities in the courtroom are not conducive to holding hearings. When someone is talking on the telephone, it is very

difficult to interrupt them given the equipment used in our courtroom so that a normal hearing cannot be held. Moreover, plaintiff chose to sue in this district and it is not unreasonable to ask her to attend a hearing in the very district she elected to sue.

The upshot of the case management conference was that defendants intend to bring a motion to dismiss and will do so soon. Plaintiff, through this order, is advised to attend that hearing in person. Further, at the same hearing, she should **SHOW CAUSE** why this case should not be dismissed for lack of prosecution due to her failure to attend the case management conference.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 27, 2011.

WILLIAM ALSUP UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE