## 1 2 3 4 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 5 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 6 7 TONY CHENG, 8 Plaintiff, No. C 13-02641 JSW 9 ORDER REGARDING LETTER v. **DATED JUNE 30, 2013** 10 SCHLUMBERGER, Defendant. 11 12 13 On June 30, 2013, several of Plaintiff's relatives sent the Court a letter requesting that 14 the Court expedite Plaintiff's case. The Court will not consider this letter for at least two 15 reasons. First, Plaintiff's relatives are not parties to this case and are not representing Plaintiff. 16 Plaintiff is proceeding pro se and has proved capable of filing documents on his own behalf. 17 Second, there is no indication that this letter was served on Defendant. A court may not 18 consider ex parte communications (confidential communications that are not disclosed to all 19 parties) except under limited circumstances not present here. 20 Although the Court is not acting on the letter, in order to preserve the record, the Court 21 shall make a copy of the letter and its attachments to be filed under seal and ex parte, pending a 22 further Order from this Court. The Clerk is HEREBY ORDERED to return the original letter 23 and its attachments to the members of Plaintiff's family at the address on the letter. 24 IT IS SO ORDERED. 25 Dated: July 10, 2013

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 1 2 FOR THE 3 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 4 5 TONY CHENG, Case Number: CV13-02641 JSW 6 Plaintiff, CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 7 8 SCHLUMBERGER et al, 9 Defendant. 10 11 I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California. That on July 10, 2013, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office. 15 Tony Hsiao-Ping Cheng 1924 E 28th St Oakland, CA 94606 17 Kam Cheng Kwok Cheng 18 Fung Hi Chu 1924 E 28<sup>th</sup> St Oakland, CA 94606 Jenniger Ottolini 20 Dated: July 10, 2013 Richard W. Wieking, Clerk 21 By: Jennifer Ottolini, Deputy Clerk 22 23 24 25 26 27 28