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

12 SUKHWINDER SINGH,  
 13 DHARAM SINGH,  
 Plaintiffs,

14 v.

15 MICHAEL CHERTOFF, Secretary,  
 16 Department of Homeland Security; LYNNE  
 SKEIRIK, Director, National Visa Center; U.S.  
 17 Consul General MICHAEL S. OWEN, U.S.  
 Embassy New Delhi, India; CONDOLEEZZA  
 18 RICE, Secretary of State,  
 19 Defendants.

) No. C 08-2362 SI

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

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

26 Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial in this  
 27 immigration case. Given the substance of the action and the lack of any potential middle ground,  
 28 ADR will only serve to multiply the proceedings and unnecessarily tax court resources.

Joint Request for ADR Exemption  
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1 Accordingly, pursuant to ADR L.R. 3-3(c), the parties request the case be removed from the  
2 ADR Multi-Option Program and that they be excused from participating in the ADR phone  
3 conference and any further formal ADR process.

4 Date: September 2, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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11 Date: September 2, 2008

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15 **ORDER**

16 Pursuant to stipulation and to ADR L. R. 3-3(c), the parties are hereby removed from the  
17 ADR Multi-Option Program and are excused from participating in the ADR phone conference and  
18 any further formal ADR process.

19 **SO ORDERED.**

20 9/8/08

Wm. Alsup for..

21 Date:

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23 SUSAN ILLSTON  
24 United States District Judge