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- 2. Upon Defendant's Declination to Proceed Before a U.S. Magistrate Judge and Request for Reassignment to a United States District Judge, this case was reassigned to United States Judge James Ware.
- 3. On April 8, 2009, the initial Joint Case Management Conference scheduled for April 13, 2009, was vacated by the Court and a Scheduling Order was issued.
- 4. On August 2, 2010, the Court issued a Reassignment Order where upon this case was reassigned to United States Judge Lucy H. Koh. Pursuant to the Court's Reassignment Order, the Case Management Conference date of September 20, 2010 was vacated and the parties were ordered to file a Joint Case Management Statement by August 18, 2010.
- 5. On August 10, 2010, the Court set a new Case Management Conference for Wednesday, October 20, 2010.
- 6. On August 16, 2010, the parties filed a Second Joint Case Management Conference Statement.
- 7. Pursuant to the Local Rule 16-10(a), lead trial counsel for each party must attend the initial Case Management Conference.
- 8. Lead trial counsel for Plaintiffs, Steven Toscher, has a prior commitment in New York, for which he has already made flight arrangements on October 20, 2010. He would be unable to attend the Case Management Conference via telephone conference as he will be in flight at the scheduled time.
- 9. Plaintiffs' counsel has conferred with counsel for Defendant regarding this request to continue the Case Management Conference from October 20, 2010 to October 27, 2010. Defendant supports this request. Accordingly, Plaintiffs request that this Court continue the Case Management Conference from October 20, 2010 to October 27, 2010.
- 10. The parties anticipate that fact discovery can be completed by the current fact discovery deadline of October 15, 2010. The United States, however, believes it will be necessary to take a total of 26 fact depositions, which is one more than the 25 depositions permitted in the discovery plan adopted by the Court. The United States, therefore, requests that the Court permit the government to take 26 fact depositions. The Plaintiffs do not oppose this request.

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12	PURSUANT TO THE ABOVE STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.
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14	Dated this 28th day of September, 2010
15	HON. LUCY HIKOH UNITED STÆES DISTRICT JUDGE
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