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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 KAREN OCAMPO, as the personal
12 representative of SALOMON
13 RODRIGUEZ,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; and
17 NATIONAL STEEL AND
SHIPBUILDING COMPANY,

18 Defendants.
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Case No.: 15-CV-180-JAH-WVG

**ORDER ON PLAINTIFF'S EX
PARTE MOTION TO REMOVE
NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL
FROM THE COURT'S ECF
SERVICE LIST**

20 On May 7, 2020, Plaintiff filed an Ex Parte Motion to Remove Non-Essential
21 Personnel from the Court's ECF Service List. (Doc. No. 249.) In relevant part, the Ex Parte
22 Application moves the Court to remove eight attorneys and paralegals from the service list
23 as reflected on the docket due to their lack of continued involvement in this litigation. The
24 Court hereby STRIKES Plaintiff's Ex Parte Application from the record for non-
25 compliance. This Court's Civil Chambers Rule VI expressly provides "appropriate ex parte
26 applications may be made any time after first contacting Judge Gallo's Research Attorney
27 assigned to the case." At no time did this Court's Chambers receive any advance notice
28 regarding Plaintiff's intent to file the instant Ex Parte Application. Further, although Civil

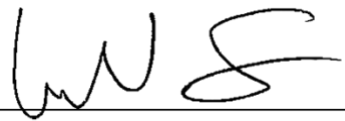
1 Chambers Rule VI required Plaintiff to contact this Court's Chambers, Plaintiff also did
2 not contact the Chambers of District Judge Houston prior to making this filing. Thus,
3 Plaintiff failed to provide the requisite advance notice to the Court.

4 The Ex Parte Application is also improper for its violation of this Court's Local
5 Rules and, again, Civil Chambers Rule VI. The accompanying Declaration of Preston
6 Easley is void of any statement "that indicates reasonable and appropriate notice to
7 opposing counsel, in accordance with Civil Local Rule 83.3(g)." Instead, the Declaration
8 exclusively asserts Plaintiff's counsel verified there are "no tangible links" between the
9 attorneys and paralegals referenced in the Ex Parte Application and this litigation. These
10 representations do not make clear whether Plaintiff's counsel provided Defendants advance
11 notice of Plaintiff's Ex Parte Application filing, consistent with Local Rule 83.3(g)(2) and
12 Chambers Civil Rule VI, or whether Plaintiff's counsel simply inquired as to the status of
13 certain individual's involvement in this case without more.

14 For Plaintiff's non-compliance with the Local Rules and Civil Chambers Rules, the
15 Court STRIKES from the record Plaintiff's May 7, 2020 Ex Parte Application (Doc. No.
16 249.)

17 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

18 Dated: May 26, 2020

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20 Hon. William V. Gallo
21 United States Magistrate Judge
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