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## IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

ANNE PEARSE-HOCKER,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	) No. 10-269 C	
v.	) Judge Edward J. Dam	ich
	)	
THE UNITED STATES,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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## JOINT STATUS REPORT

In accordance with the Court's April 18, 2011, Order, plaintiff Anne Pearse-Hocker and defendant, the United States, hereby submit this Joint Status Report, which addresses the parties' specific progress and plans towards settlement. In its Order, the Court granted the parties a 45-day continued stay of proceedings in this case based on progress made in settlement discussions between the parties. During this stay, the parties have worked to complete a Settlement Agreement and a Stipulation for Entry of Judgment (Stipulation). As explained below, the parties are close to completing these documents and executing a settlement, and thus, are concurrently filing a Motion for Continuation of a Stay. This motion requests a continued stay of eight additional days, to and including June 10, 2011.

Since the Court's April 18, 2011, Order, the parties have moved closer to completing settlement. On May 24, 2011, plaintiff submitted a formal written offer, enclosing a draft Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Judgment. The defendant's attorney of record and the Smithsonian Institution have recently recommended approval of this offer. Accordingly, defendant is requesting an eight-day to provide sufficient time to obtain the

necessary authorizations to execute the settlement documents and to file the Stipulation with the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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