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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION Z009 MAY 22 AM 10: 29 MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA, FLORIDA

### IN ADMIRALTY

ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION, INC.

**Plaintiff** 

CIVIL ACTION

VS.

Case No. 8:07-CV-00614-SDM-MAP

THE UNIDENTIFIED, SHIPWRECKED VESSEL, its apparel, tackle appurtenances and cargo located within center point coordinates: provided to the Court under seal, in rem

Defendant In Rem

And

The Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Peru,

Claimants

And

Gonzalo de Aliaga (the Count of San Juan de Lurigancho),
Agustin de Aliaga (the current Marques de Zelada de la Fuente),
Gonzalo Alvarez del Villar, Ignacio de Colmenares (the 11<sup>th</sup> Count
Of Polentinos), Alberto Emilio Thiessen, Enriqueta Pita Duthurburu, Flora Leonor Perales
Calderon de Colmenares, Felipe Voyest, Adela
Armida de Izcue Bazo, Carola Daireux Kinsky, Eleonora Daireux Kinsky,
Matilde Daireux Kinsky, Julio Vega Eurasquin, Inez Marquez Osorio,
Javier de Goyeneche (the current Count of Guaqui and Marques de Villafuente) et tal.
and Jose Antonio Rodriguez Menendez aka Joseph Anthony Rodriguez
Claimants

### NOTICE of FILING

- 1. Forty-seven documents have been submitted with this filing. They are enumerated and described in the Exhibit List with a *revision date*: 5/14/09.
- English translations are included with select baptismal and marriage certificates vital
  to demonstrating the genealogic ascent of Jose Antonio Rodriguez Menendez
  ("Menendez") along his mother's paternal lineage.
- 3. Personally valuable and irreplaceable original documents are marked with red-ink label: "Original Document". Faithful photostatic copies are also included to serve as this Court's permanent archival copies once this proceeding has ended and original documents are retrieved from Court by "Menendez".
- 4. Ecclesiastic archival authorities in Spain have been instructed to ship original copy birth and marriage certificates directly to this Court. These documents should consist of sturdy yellow paper stock bearing original "Archivo Diocesano de Oviedo" letterhead, markings, and ecclesiastic stamps. With the notable exception of the baptismal certificate of Jose Maria Menendez Alvarez (which was mailed by the ecclesiastic archive directly to "Menendez"), "Menendez" has not handled these certificates from Spain. These original documents shipped directly from Spain have not been labeled, "Original Document", yet "Menendez" has made copy of the Court's PDF file/scanned copies of the certificates appearing on PACER in an effort to comply with Court requirement that copies be provided to Court for archival purposes should original documents be recovered by claimant/litigant at conclusion of proceeding.

- 5. Ecclesiastic archive in Spain is now preparing a second batch of baptismal and marriage certificates for direct shipment to this Court. Over twenty certificates are anticipated in the second batch which will reach into the mid-seventeenth century of "Menendez's" ancestry.
- 6. Genealogic documents listed in Affidavit of Mayra Sanchez-Johnson, Professional Genealogist, are now being translated and prepared for filing by this court.
- 7. As stated in Docket No. 175, Verified Claim of Named Descendant of Non-possessory Lien-holder, a memorandum has been researched and is now being completed which shall address:
  - "Menendez's" collateral descent from family(s) of Pedro Menendez de
    Aviles, Alonso de la Campa. (Pedro Menendez de Aviles, Alonso de la
    Campa's Will and Testament allows and establishes precedent of inheritance
    via collateral descent which was practiced historically and repeatedly—as
    additional documents shall show.)
  - Applicability and validity of the Asiento (contract) between Pedro Menendez
    de Aviles, Alonso de la Campa and Felipe II—King of Spain, in perpetuity,
    for benefit of the "heirs and successors" of Pedro Menendez de Aviles,
    Alonso de la Campa.

# Certificate of Service

I hereby certify, on May 21, 2009, that I caused the attached documents to be served upon the Court:

AND

Clerk of Court Sam M. Gibbons U.S. Courthouse 801 N. Florida Avenue Tampa, FL 33602

and upon attorneys of record for the parties listed below, by Fedex Carrier to:

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