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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CASE NO. C16-1549JLR

11 Plaintiff,

ORDER

12 v.

13 JAMES C. PSARADELIS, et al.,

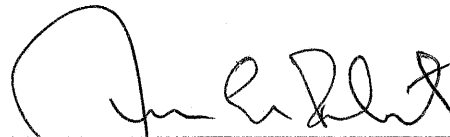
14 Defendants.

15 Before the court is Plaintiff United States of America's ("the Government")
16 January 10, 2017, motion. (Mot. (Dkt. # 6).) The Government asks the court to (1)
17 construe *pro se* Defendants James C. Psaradelis and Cynthia L. Psaradelis's December 6,
18 2016, letter (12/6/16 Letter (Dkt. # 5)) as an answer, and (2) issue an initial scheduling
19 order in this action (Mot. at 2).

20 The Psaradelises' December 6, 2016, letter addresses the tax-related allegations in
21 the Government's complaint (*see* Compl. (Dkt. # 1)) and explains the Psaradelises'
22 position on those allegations (*see* 12/6/16 Letter at 1-2). In addition, the Psaradelises'

1 letter appears responsive to a November 29, 2016, letter from the Government, in which
2 the Government apprised the Psaradelises of the Government's intent to seek a default
3 judgment if the Psaradelises did not file an answer by December 22, 2016. (See Mot.,
4 Ex. A (Dkt. # 6-1) at 2.) In light of these facts and the court's obligation to liberally
5 construe the Psaradelises' *pro se* filings,¹ the court GRANTS the Government's motion
6 (Dkt. # 6), CONSTRUES the Psaradelises' letter (Dkt. # 5) as their answer to the
7 complaint, and DIRECTS the Clerk to issue an initial scheduling order.

8 Dated this th 11 day of January, 2017.



JAMES L. ROBART
United States District Judge

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20 ¹ Unless the Psaradelises retain counsel, they are responsible for pursuing this case *pro*
21 *se*. Although the court may afford some leeway to *pro se* litigants, the Psaradelises are
22 responsible for complying with case deadlines, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and the
Western District of Washington's Local Civil Rules. Materials to assist *pro se* litigants,
including a copy of the Local Civil Rules, are available on the United States District Court for
the Western District of Washington's website.