

The Honorable Marsha J. Pechman

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE**

STATE OF WASHINGTON, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 2:18-cv-0939 (MJP)

**DEFENDANTS' SECOND NOTICE  
OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY**

Noted For Consideration:  
August 3, 2018

Oral Argument Requested

1 Defendants, by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully submit this Second Notice  
 2 of Supplemental Authority to bring the Court’s attention to the July 24, 2018 order by Judge  
 3 Rakoff of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York in *E.S.R.B. v.*  
 4 *Sessions*, No. 18-cv-6654, slip op. (S.D.N.Y. July 24, 2018) (Exhibit 1). Much like the  
 5 Defendants’ prior Notice of Supplemental Authority (Dkt. 33), the court in *E.S.R.B.* addressed  
 6 whether a habeas petition brought by a group of children who were separated from their parents  
 7 and being held in New York should be transferred to the Southern District of California’s  
 8 overlapping case in *Ms. L. v. ICE*, No. 18-cv-428 (S.D. Cal.), where preliminary relief has been  
 9 granted to a certified class of parents of separated children. Like Judge Furman concluded last  
 10 Thursday in *N.T.C. v. ICE*, No. 18-cv-6428, 2018 WL 3472544 (S.D.N.Y. July 19, 2018) (Dkt.  
 11 33-1), Judge Rakoff determined that the claims should be heard by the *Ms. L.* court in the Southern  
 12 District of California, and directed that the *E.S.R.B.* plaintiffs’ claims be “transfer[red] ...  
 13 forthwith” to be considered in conjunction with the claims in *Ms. L.* Exhibit 1 at 1.

14 Judge Rakoff’s order illustrates why courts should transfer actions with substantial  
 15 overlap between the parties and issues when one court has certified a class and granted class-wide  
 16 relief relating to those overlapping issues: “I think the common sense of it is that these matters  
 17 should, to the maximum extent possible, be consolidated before as few judges as possible.”  
 18 *E.S.R.B.*, Transcript of Proceedings, at 33 (S.D.N.Y. July 24, 2018) (Exhibit 2). That concern is  
 19 especially pressing now where the expedited discovery the States intend to pursue could interfere  
 20 with the information-gathering needed by the *Ms. L.* plaintiffs (whose interests the States say they  
 21 wish to vindicate), which that court is managing day to day. *See id.* (noting how “[t]he potential  
 22 for conflict, ... even inadvertent conflict, is high in these kinds of situations”). Indeed, the *Ms. L.*  
 23 court just yesterday ordered the provision of several types of information to facilitate those  
 24 reunification efforts with respect to class members who would require further inquiry by class  
 25 counsel. It would certainly make the most sense for Judge Sabraw to have a role in balancing the  
 26 needs of the class action plaintiffs in *Ms. L.* and the interest in reuniting the certified class with

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1 their children, with the States’ claim to need expedited discovery to vindicate their asserted  
2 interests in this matter. Recognizing the importance of this issue and the gravity of what  
3 is contested in these cases, Judge Sabraw noted at a hearing yesterday afternoon in *Ms. L.* that  
4 both Judges Furman and Rakoff discussed the potential for transfer with him regarding the cases,  
5 and as a result of those discussions, each judge determined that transfer was appropriate. *See*  
6 *Ms. L.*, Transcript of Proceedings, at 41–42 (S.D. Cal. July 24, 2018) (Exhibit 3). Defendants  
7 would consent to a similar consultation here, and the States have also represented that they do  
8 not object to such a consultation, although they do not think it appropriate for the parties to  
9 request consultation. Defendants have also asked Plaintiffs’ counsel in *Ms. L.* if they would  
10 object to such a consultation, and they advised that they take no position on such a consultation  
11 taking place.

12         The benefits of consolidating these cases, given the certified nationwide class in *Ms. L.*,  
13 are apparent for the same reasons Judge Furman explained last week: “the classes in the ...  
14 cases concern the same families”; “the relief Plaintiffs seek in this case is, at bottom, directly  
15 related to the reunification process being supervised by Judge Sabraw” and “Judge Sabraw is  
16 in a better position ... to decide those questions and to modify his own orders if appropriate;”  
17 and “in the absence of a single judge presiding over both cases, there is a real risk of  
18 inconsistent decisions and conflicting orders — a particularly intolerable risk given the gravity  
19 and urgency of the issues in these cases (and the prospect of similar litigation being filed in  
20 other states where children separated from their parents are being held).” *N.T.C.*, 2018 WL  
21 3472544, at \*2. There is no reason why the States’ case should be treated differently from either  
22 *E.S.R.B.* or *N.T.C.*, as this case also seeks relief directly related to separated families where a  
23 nationwide class is certified in the Southern District of California, and there is a  
24 significant risk of inconsistent decisions and conflicting orders in “a matter of great  
25 importance.” Exhibit 2 at 33.

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# **DEFENDANTS' EXHIBIT 1**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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E.S.R.B. by and through his next friend :  
Meryl Ranzer, J.E.C.M. by and through :  
his next friend Carline Pinto, R.M.S.C. :  
by and through his next friend Melissa :  
Borja, K.M.G., K.D.G., S.G.G., and :  
F.E.O.G. by and through their next :  
friend Rev. Elizabeth G. Maxwell, :  
I.M.Q.S. by and through her next friend :  
Senator Brad Benjamin, and K.C.A. by :  
and through her next Friend Letitia :  
James, :

Plaintiffs, :

-v- :

JEFFERSON B. SESSIONS III, Attorney :  
General of the United States; DEPARTMENT :  
OF HOMELAND SECURITY ("DHS"); KIRSTJEN :  
NIELSEN, Secretary of DHS; U.S. CUSTOMS :  
AND BORDER PROTECTION ("CBP"); KEVIN K. :  
MCALEENAN, Commissioner of CBP; U.S. :  
IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT :  
("ICE"); RONALD D. VITIELLO, Acting :  
Director of ICE; U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND :  
IMMIGRATION SERVICES ("USCIS"); L. :  
FRANCIS CISSNA, Director of USCIS; U.S. :  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES :  
("HHS"); ALEX AZAR, Secretary, of the :  
Department of Health and Human Services; :  
OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT ("ORR"); :  
and SCOTT LLOYD, Director of ORR, :

Defendants. :

18-cv-6654 (JSR)

ORDER

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JED S. RAKOFF, U.S.D.J.

This motion comes before the undersigned, sitting in Part I, because of the request for emergency relief. For the reasons stated from the bench, see Transcript, 7/29/18, which are here incorporated by reference, the Clerk of Court is directed to transfer this action forthwith to the United States District Court for the Southern

District of California, to be assigned to Judge Sabraw as related to Ms. L. v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, No. 18-CV-0428.

The Clerk of Court is directed to effectuate the transfer immediately, notwithstanding Local Rule 83.1, and then to close the case in this Court.

SO ORDERED

Dated: New York, NY  
July 24, 2018

  
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JED S. RAKOFF, U.S.D.J.



**DEFENDANTS’  
EXHIBIT 2**

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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

3 ESRB,

4 Plaintiff,

PART I

5 v.

6 JEFFERSON BEAUREGARD SESSIONS,

7 Defendant.

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9 July 24, 2018  
2:45 p.m.

10 Before:

11 HON. JED S. RAKOFF,

12 District Judge

13 APPEARANCES

14 THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY  
15 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
16 SARAH GILLMAN  
17 GREGORY COPELAND  
18 JENNIFER LEVY

19 GEOFFREY S. BERMAN  
20 United States Attorney for the  
Southern District of New York  
21 MICHAEL J. BYARS  
22 BRANDON M. WATERMAN  
23 Assistant United States Attorneys  
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1 (Case called)

2 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Will everyone please be seated, and  
3 would the parties please identify themselves for the record.

4 MR. COPELAND: Gregory Copeland of The Legal Aid  
5 Society for the plaintiff petitioner.

6 MS. GILLMAN: Sarah Gillman, The Legal Aid Society,  
7 for the plaintiff petitioner.

8 MS. LEVY: Jennifer Levy, The Legal Aid Society, for  
9 the plaintiff petitioner.

10 MR. BYARS: Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Byars for  
11 the respondent.

12 MR. WATERMAN: Assistant U.S. Attorney Brandon  
13 Waterman on behalf of the respondents.

14 THE COURT: So I have received a copy of the proposed  
15 order to show cause, as well as the memorandum of law in  
16 support of the order to show cause and the underlying  
17 complaint.

18 I would have thought that the proper way to proceed is  
19 to give the government a short window to put in responding  
20 papers, provided that the status quo remain as is during that  
21 short period.

22 So I was thinking maybe the government could get in  
23 their papers by Thursday morning, and we could hold oral  
24 argument and if necessary -- well, we would hold oral argument  
25 on Thursday afternoon, and if there was an evidentiary hearing

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1 that was needed, then we could hold that on Friday.

2 So any objections to that?

3 MS. GILLMAN: No, your Honor, we do not object to  
4 that.

5 MR. BYARS: Your Honor, this schedule raises some  
6 concern for the government. As I am sure your Honor is aware,  
7 the issue of the reunification of parents and children is under  
8 active management by Judge Sabraw in the Southern District of  
9 California. The judge set a deadline Thursday for  
10 reunifications to take place and the government is working to  
11 make sure that that happens.

12 Last Monday, shortly before 8 p.m., the government was  
13 notified of an action in Part I before Judge Swain. We  
14 appeared Monday night. Judge Swain entered a temporary  
15 restraining order.

16 THE COURT: Are you talking about last week?

17 MR. BYARS: Yes. The case was sent to Judge Furman.  
18 We saw him the next day. Then on Thursday of last week, Judge  
19 Furman entered an order transferring that case to the Southern  
20 District of California, and I am happy to hand up a copy of the  
21 order.

22 THE COURT: I have a copy. Thank you.

23 MR. BYARS: I would like to draw your attention, your  
24 Honor, if I may, to the bottom of page 4, in which Judge Furman  
25 says, "To preserve the status quo, the temporary relief granted

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1 by the court on July 17, 2018, Docket No. 9, is extended to  
2 give Judge Sabraw an opportunity to consider plaintiff's  
3 request for broader emergency relief. The parties should  
4 promptly present those issues to Judge Sabraw so he can decide  
5 whether to maintain, modify, or vacate the order granting  
6 temporary relief."

7 I am hard-pressed to understand what Legal Aid is  
8 asking for in this action that is not encompassed by Judge  
9 Furman's direction, and it raises some very real practical  
10 concerns. On the day that we appeared before Judge Swain,  
11 Judge Sabraw held a hearing. Commander of Public Health  
12 Service Jonathan White appeared and established to Judge  
13 Sabraw's satisfaction that a 12-hour notice period prior to  
14 transporting these children was not needed and would interfere  
15 with the logistics of reuniting these children with these  
16 parents. I am not sure why these issues should be determined  
17 anywhere else but in the Southern District of California. And  
18 I would note that all of the parents whose children are  
19 represented here, all of these parents have told HHS that they  
20 want their children, and they want them as soon as possible.

21 Now, the Southern District of California court was  
22 open last night when we received notice from Legal Aid at 8:19  
23 p.m., 5:19 p.m. California time. That court was open. It  
24 would have been open after-hours.

25 THE COURT: Are you sure it wasn't closed at 5 p.m.?

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1 I don't know, but most courts do close at 5 p.m., and my many  
2 wonderful trips to California suggest to me that working  
3 overtime is not their favorite occupation. So what makes you  
4 think that court was open?

5 MR. BYARS: Judge Sabraw has a jury trial ongoing. I  
6 am sure that Legal Aid could have reached out, certainly this  
7 morning before today's hearing. It's almost noon there. There  
8 is a hearing today on the case at 3 p.m.

9 THE COURT: Just so I understand what your proposal  
10 is. Is your proposal that I transfer this matter forthwith to  
11 Judge Sabraw? Is your proposal that I simply deny the order to  
12 show cause? Is your proposal that I do all that without  
13 hearing anything further from the government in terms of  
14 written submissions? I just want to be clear what you're  
15 specifically asking for.

16 MR. BYARS: I would ask for an immediate transfer of  
17 this case to Judge Sabraw. Absent that, then I think that the  
18 case should be -- we can certainly brief the case, but I think  
19 that any interim relief that your Honor were to consider here  
20 is plainly going to delay reunifications of children with  
21 parents who have asked to be reunified with their children, and  
22 that should not happen. It would contradict the court order  
23 that Judge Sabraw has put in place requiring reunifications by  
24 Thursday, and it's just going to slow everything down.

25 Moreover, it appears that what Legal Aid wants to do

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1 is to force the parents to come to New York in order to get  
2 their children, and testify in a proceeding here to the  
3 satisfaction of Legal Aid before they can do that. That just  
4 seems completely contrary to the case's active management in  
5 the Southern District of California. Legal Aid is not a  
6 guardian ad litem here. The parents here have indicated what  
7 their decision is and their decision should be given effect.

8 THE COURT: Let me hear from plaintiff's counsel.

9 MS. GILLMAN: Thank you, your Honor.

10 So we come here today with a very simple ask. We are  
11 simply asking that our clients, the eight children that we have  
12 brought this individual habeas action on behalf of, be given  
13 the opportunity to have a meaningful conversation with their  
14 parents before they make what would be the most important  
15 decision in their young lives. The government frames this as a  
16 very simple issue of reuniting the parents and the children,  
17 but the Legal Aid Society here is representing in this  
18 particular action before your Honor eight individuals, who  
19 range in age from 9 to 17, who were forcibly separated from  
20 their parents.

21 The reason that we brought this action before your  
22 Honor is because the government notified the plaintiff's  
23 counsel that transfer of these children outside the  
24 jurisdiction of New York was going to happen imminently.

25 Number one, we got this notification very late on

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1 Saturday night. The plaintiffs are currently housed in  
2 facilities that are run by the Office of Refugee Resettlement.  
3 Those facilities are not open on the weekend, and so that made  
4 any communication even with counsel seriously difficult.

5 Next, your Honor, again, we are dealing with children  
6 between the ages of 9 and 17. We are not making a big ask  
7 here. There is a group of children who are in our papers  
8 before your Honor. There's four children and one family. So  
9 we are talking about five parents for eight children.

10 THE COURT: I guess what I am unclear about is the  
11 government, if I understand it, says that all the children,  
12 including, presumably, these eight, were being reunified with  
13 their parents. So if that's true, isn't that what you wanted?

14 MS. GILLMAN: Your Honor, we do not oppose  
15 reunification. However, we are here representing the  
16 individual children, eight of them, and in order to ensure that  
17 their rights are protected, including, but not limited, the  
18 right to seek any independent relief such as asylum, that they  
19 have the opportunity to have a meaningful communication with  
20 their parents.

21 THE COURT: Presumably, the way to have that is, in  
22 the first instance, by reuniting them.

23 MS. GILLMAN: Your Honor, the reunification of our  
24 clients, if it was to take place under the framework that the  
25 government is proposing, would not allow for meaningful



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1 communication, number one, between the plaintiffs and their  
2 counsel. Number two, the defendants have not indicated where  
3 these children and their parents are going to be reunited.  
4 They have indicated sort of a suggestion as to where they are  
5 going to be reunited. But there is another issue at play here,  
6 which is that these children cannot be placed in facilities  
7 that are not in compliance with the *Flores* settlement.

8 THE COURT: How did you come to represent these eight?

9 MS. GILLMAN: The Legal Aid Society, part of our  
10 office, your Honor, is comprised of a youth project. The youth  
11 project does outreach with children who are in the custody of  
12 Office of Refugee Resettlement. These eight children are from  
13 a larger group of children that were part of litigation that  
14 was brought last week, which the government made reference to,  
15 and these children are being represented by the Legal Aid  
16 Society through our youth project.

17 THE COURT: Did these children request your  
18 representation?

19 MS. GILLMAN: Yes, they did, your Honor.

20 THE COURT: In what form did they do that?

21 MS. GILLMAN: The way that the youth project works is  
22 that we receive referrals from agencies that go in and  
23 initially meet with children in ORR custody. And then once a  
24 referral is sent to us, we go and meet with the individual  
25 children at the facilities. In this particular instance, the

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1 facilities are in New York, and the children indicated what  
2 their wishes were to us, and we have then followed through with  
3 those wishes, in terms of what we have stated in the papers.

4 THE COURT: Let me go back to defense counsel.

5 So with respect to these eight children, what form is  
6 reunification taking and when?

7 MR. BYARS: My understanding is that they would be  
8 transported to meet with their parents on, I believe, as early  
9 as tomorrow the transportation would take place.

10 THE COURT: Transportation to where?

11 MR. BYARS: Well, it depends on where their parents  
12 are located, but, presumably, some of them are located in  
13 Texas.

14 THE COURT: And this is all pursuant to the order of  
15 the California federal judge?

16 MR. BYARS: It's all under the supervision of that  
17 judge, yes, your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Is the timetable one that that judge set  
19 or not?

20 MR. BYARS: The deadline for Thursday's reunifications  
21 to be completed is set by the Southern District of California,  
22 by Judge Sabraw.

23 THE COURT: Let me go back to plaintiff's counsel.

24 If these children are all going to be taken as early  
25 as tomorrow, and no later than Thursday, to be reunited with

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1 their parents, I am at a loss to see why you object to that.

2 MS. GILLMAN: Well, the issue, again, your Honor, is  
3 that the government has not indicated what this reunification  
4 means, meaning what happens after there is reunification with  
5 the parents. Does that mean that the child and the parent will  
6 then be detained in a facility that is not compliant with the  
7 *Flores* settlement? Does the reunification mean that the parent  
8 and child will be deported?

9 THE COURT: Aren't those the kind of issues that are  
10 before the judge in California?

11 MS. GILLMAN: They are not, your Honor. The *Ms. L*  
12 class represents the parents and not children, and that's why  
13 we had to come before your Honor on behalf of these eight  
14 children. If the children are sent, as per the plan of the  
15 government, and as your Honor just previously asked defense  
16 counsel, we don't know what is going to happen after they are  
17 moved to be with their parents, and therein lies the problem.  
18 Because of the fact that they were separated from their  
19 parents, because of the fact that they were children --

20 THE COURT: But if the judge in California is dealing  
21 with reunification from the standpoint of the parents, doesn't  
22 it make sense, if there are separate interests involving the  
23 children, that those also be litigated before that same judge?

24 MS. GILLMAN: Not in this particular instance, your  
25 Honor. Again, I am sorry that I keep repeating myself, but we

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1 are dealing with eight young children. By virtue of the fact  
2 that they were separated from their parents, they have  
3 obviously experienced trauma. We have one plaintiff in our  
4 action before your Honor who suffers from attention deficit  
5 disorder, who really has been suffering within the context of  
6 the facility and the separation from his parent. The *Ms. L*  
7 litigation simply seeks to reunify, but it's not representing  
8 the interests of the eight plaintiffs that come before your  
9 Honor.

10 THE COURT: If I were to transfer this case to  
11 California, then you, or your California co-counsel, would  
12 still have full standing to represent the interests of those  
13 children there.

14 MS. GILLMAN: Well, your Honor, I think there are a  
15 couple of problems there. Number one, as defense counsel  
16 referenced, and as is set forth in our moving papers, they are  
17 also under the requirements of the order that was issued by the  
18 Honorable Swain last Monday. Within that order, Judge Swain  
19 required that there be meaningful communication and that  
20 specifically the government advise within 48 hours of the  
21 purpose of the release, detention, or repatriation. We haven't  
22 been advised of any of those things.

23 Moreover, again, the action here before your Honor  
24 really just involves -- it's a very minimal ask. We are simply  
25 asking that the children be able to communicate with their

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1 parents, and that that be facilitated by the parents being  
2 brought to New York so they can actually engage in this  
3 communication. If they are transferred out of this  
4 jurisdiction, it's going to be impossible for them to engage in  
5 that meaningful communication. Again, these children --

6 THE COURT: That's what I am not fully understanding.  
7 Why are they going to have any less meaningful communication in  
8 Texas, for example, where I gather some will be reunited, than  
9 here?

10 MS. GILLMAN: Well, I think there's a few things. The  
11 first thing is we don't know what will happen to them upon  
12 transfer to Texas. So we don't know what the purpose is once  
13 they get there. Are they being deported? Are they not being  
14 deported? Are they going to be able to proceed with their own  
15 independent claims? And again, that's not something we know.  
16 We just simply don't know that.

17 The second thing is that their attorneys are here in  
18 New York, and we think that it's incredibly important for them  
19 to be able to consult with their parents and then have the  
20 ability to consult with their attorneys.

21 Third, I think that again, as I referenced before, we  
22 are not dealing with simply the transfer of -- just the general  
23 transfer. These are children, again, who are just going  
24 through an incredibly difficult time, and if they are sent to  
25 the detention facilities that the government -- again, we don't

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1 exactly know what facilities they are; we don't know what  
2 accommodations are there for these children.

3           These children right now are in facilities in New York  
4 that, although it's very difficult for them, although they are  
5 separated from their parents, although they are going through  
6 trauma, at least in these facilities, these facilities are  
7 compliant with the requirements of the *Flores* agreement, which  
8 allows for certain accommodations to be made for these  
9 children. If these children are transferred across the country  
10 to various detention facilities, we have no indication of what  
11 those facilities will be.

12           Therefore, the idea that they can engage in meaningful  
13 communication and meaningful consultation is virtually  
14 impossible, because you're taking someone who has already been  
15 traumatized, you're sending them from a facility that, although  
16 not perfect, not their home, not with their parent, actually  
17 does have some level of care that can address these child's  
18 needs, and then you're transferring them out of that facility,  
19 where they have already been transferred from their parents  
20 forcibly, and they are put in a situation where we don't know  
21 what is going to happen.

22           Again, we are simply asking for a very small ask, and  
23 I think your Honor's --

24           THE COURT: I am trying to get down to the  
25 practicalities of this. The government says it's under an

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1 order from the judge in California to reunite children and  
2 parents by Thursday. And you say, if I understand you  
3 correctly, that's fine, but they need to be reunited here  
4 rather than someplace else so that they can have, in effect,  
5 communication with you.

6 Do I have that right so far?

7 MS. GILLMAN: Yes, your Honor. I think we are also  
8 asking that our clients' wishes be adhered to here. If they  
9 are transferred out of this jurisdiction, I don't think that  
10 their wishes would be adhered to for all the reasons I  
11 previously stated.

12 The other issue we have here, your Honor, and why we  
13 had to come before you today --

14 THE COURT: Isn't their single biggest wish to be  
15 reunited with their parents?

16 MS. GILLMAN: No, your Honor. Some of the children  
17 who are here before you today are actually very, very scared of  
18 going back to their country, and they would like the right to  
19 pursue their own independent claim for asylum. But as your  
20 Honor can understand, we are dealing with a situation where  
21 these children are left in a situation where they are being  
22 told you have to reunify with your parents, but you're not  
23 really being told what that means, and where you're going, and  
24 whether or not you're going to have the right to actually  
25 proceed with your own application for relief. And in the same

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1 time, you're dealing with a group of children who have just  
2 suffered trauma and will continue to suffer trauma.

3 And the problem with what the government is proposing,  
4 and I guess their objection to what we have proposed to your  
5 Honor, is that there hasn't been meaningful notice provided to  
6 our clients. Again, we received an e-mail notification very,  
7 very late on Saturday evening, and that notification did not  
8 provide any substance. The only thing it provided was, we are  
9 going to be transferring these children.

10 I think what your Honor proposed in the initial ask to  
11 both the plaintiff and the defendant is more than reasonable.  
12 We are, again, speaking about five parents here. We are not  
13 talking about thousands of parents. We are talking about five  
14 parents, eight children. And all we want to do is make sure  
15 that they have the opportunity to meaningfully engage with  
16 their parents and make a decision after that is done. And it's  
17 just impossible to do if they are taken from New York and  
18 transferred across the country. I don't want to say across the  
19 country in all cases, because I think some of these facilities  
20 are in Texas, so I guess partially across the country.

21 THE COURT: Let me hear from defense counsel.

22 MR. BYARS: A couple of points, your Honor.

23 The Legal Aid attorneys sitting here today have  
24 entered appearances -- at least Mr. Copeland and Ms. Gillman  
25 have -- in the Southern District of California. The case that



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1 they filed last week has been transferred to the Southern  
2 District of California before Judge Sabraw.

3 THE COURT: These children?

4 MR. BYARS: The case that was filed in Part I last  
5 week, the putative class action involving the interest of the  
6 children that Ms. Gillman has been describing, that case has  
7 been transferred by Judge Furman.

8 THE COURT: Were any of these eight individual  
9 plaintiffs in that case?

10 MR. BYARS: My understanding, and you can perhaps  
11 confirm with Legal Aid, but they were purporting to represent  
12 70 children. I understand that the eight that they are  
13 speaking of now are eight out of the 70 children that were  
14 potential class members in last week's action.

15 THE COURT: Let me just stop you there to make sure  
16 your adversary agrees with that.

17 Were these eight within the group that Legal Aid filed  
18 on behalf of the 70?

19 MS. LEVY: Yes, your Honor. These clients were  
20 clients of Legal Aid's, but the proceeding that we filed last  
21 week was one that sought the 48 hours' notice; it did not seek  
22 this relief on behalf of the plaintiff children. What happened  
23 was we filed that case. We received minimal notice late on  
24 Saturday night of 50 of our clients.

25 THE COURT: I have heard about minimal notice on

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1 Saturday night. I, myself, was of course in chambers working.

2 Let me go back a step. You filed an action on behalf  
3 of 70 children, a class action that was filed initially before  
4 Judge Furman; is that right?

5 MS. LEVY: It was initially filed --

6 MS. GILLMAN: Sorry, your Honor. So the action was  
7 initially before, of course, Judge Swain because she was the  
8 Part I judge.

9 THE COURT: Then it was assigned to Judge Furman.

10 MS. GILLMAN: So the eight children that we are  
11 speaking about here today were not individual plaintiffs in  
12 that action.

13 THE COURT: They were just members of the class.

14 MS. GILLMAN: Yes.

15 THE COURT: Did Legal Aid purport nevertheless to have  
16 an attorney-client relationship with these eight in what they  
17 presented to Judge Furman or Judge Swain?

18 In other words, it seems to me there is a difference  
19 here between going in and saying, on behalf of Tom, Joe and  
20 Mary, we are bringing a class action for the following 500  
21 people. If those 500 want their own separate lawsuit, they are  
22 more than entitled to. They, in effect, are opting out of the  
23 class, or seeking additional or corollary relief. If, on the  
24 other hand, Legal Aid goes in, or a lawyer goes in in my  
25 hypothetical and says, We have been authorized by not just Tom,

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1 Joe and Mary, but by the following 70 people to be their  
2 lawyer, then it seems to me the representation was that they  
3 will be bound by the relief in that action. So I am not sure  
4 which of these two scenarios this is.

5 MS. GILLMAN: Can I have just a moment to consult with  
6 my co-counsel?

7 THE COURT: Yes.

8 MS. GILLMAN: So, your Honor, when we went in last  
9 week, the class was for all children in New York State who are  
10 being held in the Office of Refugee Resettlement. Subsequent  
11 to that action being brought, the eight children that we are  
12 here in court before your Honor about were referred to The  
13 Legal Aid Society and are clients of The Legal Aid Society.

14 THE COURT: That only partly answers my question.

15 The action filed before Judge Swain and Judge Furman  
16 was a class action pursuant to Rule 23 or some similar rule?

17 MS. GILLMAN: Yes, your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Then I come back now to defense counsel.  
19 If they were not the named plaintiffs, these eight, and they  
20 were just members of the class, that doesn't in any way  
21 preclude this lawsuit.

22 MR. BYARS: I believe that these eight individuals  
23 were on a list of 70 children that were provided to us.

24 THE COURT: But that's like saying, if I brought a  
25 securities class action and I said, Judge, John Jones is a

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1 shareholder and here is a list of -- we don't have to guess, we  
2 know who the other 69 shareholders are. Here they are, and we  
3 will seek certification of the class, and so we are bringing  
4 this as a class action. Until and unless that class is  
5 certified, and maybe even then, those other 69 in my  
6 hypothetical are free to bring whatever action they want. They  
7 are not in any way, shape or form precluded by the fact that  
8 John Jones said he is representing the class.

9 So I would have to see the transcript, but they  
10 brought the other action as a class action. Nothing precludes  
11 these other members of the class from seeking different or  
12 alternative relief.

13 MR. BYARS: Your Honor, just looking at page 2 of  
14 Judge Furman's order, in a footnote it refers to Judge Swain's  
15 granting emergency relief to prohibit the government from  
16 removing putative class members represented by Legal Aid from  
17 New York State without providing 48 hours' notice. I think  
18 that the eight individuals at issue in this case are on the  
19 list of 70 that was provided by Legal Aid and would be part of  
20 the putative class. I think they are either represented by  
21 Legal Aid or members of the putative class, but subject to the  
22 relief granted by Judge Swain, and extended by Judge Furman,  
23 and extended by Judge Furman with the specific direction that  
24 this temporary relief would give Judge Sabraw an opportunity to  
25 consider requests for broader emergency relief. I think that

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1 is what is happening here.

2 THE COURT: I don't see anything in a footnote that  
3 detracts from the right of any individual member to seek the  
4 relief that is being sought here. Judge Swain ordered a  
5 prohibition on the government from removing putative class  
6 members represented by Legal Aid from New York State without  
7 providing 48 hours' notice. They are not seeking to remove  
8 them from New York State. They want them to stay in New York  
9 State and have the parents brought here. So there is no  
10 contradiction there. Moreover, I think the key adjective there  
11 is "putative." Nothing that I know in the law precludes  
12 someone who has been brought in as a class member, but is not  
13 an individual class representative, from saying, I don't want  
14 to be part of that class, I want to opt out, I want my own  
15 relief, which is, in effect, at best, at most, what is being  
16 asked for here. Now, whether it presents Legal Aid with a  
17 conflict, that's a different question.

18 So I don't understand what in this footnote you think  
19 creates a problem for what they are asking for here.

20 MR. BYARS: I think what was directed in the footnote  
21 was temporary emergency relief that applied to the eight  
22 individuals who are seeking broader relief here. And the  
23 purpose of the transfer was to allow that to happen in such a  
24 fashion so that the district judge that is actively managing  
25 the reunification process could consider all of the issues that

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1 are in this case as well as in the *Ms. L* case.

2 I note that, for example, one of the things that Judge  
3 Sabraw has done is to institute a seven-day stay of removal  
4 following reunification. That's the kind of thing that the  
5 judge can do there in order to try to provide for protections  
6 for the reunification process. Judge Sabraw is actively  
7 involved in doing this. In fact, in about two hours and 32  
8 minutes he is going to be having another hearing in the *Ms. L*  
9 case, and presumably will also be considering the *NTC* case as  
10 well. So there is a very real risk here of this action  
11 delaying the directions of Judge Sabraw in the Southern  
12 District of California case. The order that he has directed  
13 the government to reunify children with their parents by  
14 Thursday evening is very --

15 THE COURT: In a case where there is a potential  
16 conflict between two federal judges, my normal practice would  
17 be to, on consent of the parties, call the other judge and find  
18 out whether there really is a conflict or not in the other  
19 judge's mind. So does anyone have any objection to my calling  
20 Judge Sabraw right now?

21 MR. BYARS: Your Honor, the government has no  
22 objection, and we note further that Judge Furman actually did  
23 the exact same thing last week. He called Judge Sabraw to  
24 figure out -- I don't know what they talked about, but he did  
25 call him about the *NTC* case.

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1 THE COURT: I am glad that the younger judges know in  
2 advance to follow the path set by the older judges.

3 Any objection from Legal Aid?

4 MS. GILLMAN: We have no objection to the Court  
5 calling the judge in the *Ms. L* litigation, but we think it's  
6 appropriate, given the claims that are being brought before  
7 your Honor which involve the *Flores* settlement, for your Honor  
8 to call Judge Gee, who is the judge in the *Flores* case.

9 THE COURT: In which case?

10 MS. GILLMAN: In the *Flores* case. It's the *Flores*  
11 settlement. Your Honor, of course we have no objection to you  
12 calling the *Ms. L* judge, but it would also be, I think,  
13 appropriate and necessary, given the claims before this Court,  
14 that you call Judge Gee. We understand that in that case there  
15 is a hearing scheduled before Judge Gee on Friday.

16 THE COURT: A hearing on what?

17 MS. GILLMAN: A hearing on these issues involving what  
18 is going on with the children who are subject to the *Flores*  
19 settlement, in terms of the reunification of the parents in the  
20 *Ms. L* litigation.

21 THE COURT: To move this along, let me go see if I  
22 could reach Judge Sabraw. If I decide as a result of that  
23 conversation that I should also call Judge Gee, does the  
24 government have any objection?

25 MR. BYARS: Your Honor, I think the two are distinct.

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1 I think that Judge Gee, first of all, her proceeding on Friday  
2 is necessarily after the deadline that's of real importance and  
3 urgency here, which is the Thursday deadline. I am not sure  
4 how Judge Gee's views on the *Flores* settlement case would  
5 inform the issues before the Court.

6 THE COURT: That all may be true. That's why I may or  
7 may not feel the need to call Judge Gee. But my question is,  
8 just to move this along, because we are under various time  
9 pressures, if after talking with Judge Sabraw I feel it would  
10 be useful for the Court to call Judge Gee, do you have any  
11 objection?

12 MR. BYARS: No, your Honor.

13 THE COURT: So we will take a short break and I will  
14 try to reach one or both of those judges.

15 (Recess)

16 THE COURT: So I had a very useful conversation with  
17 Judge Sabraw, and before I rule I want to go back to the  
18 government.

19 Tell me exactly what was the notice that you sent on  
20 Saturday evening.

21 MR. BYARS: I can check my phone. I can tell you  
22 exactly.

23 THE COURT: Sure.

24 MR. BYARS: Your Honor, there is a cover e-mail to Mr.  
25 Copeland from an HHS attorney, and the cover e-mail says,



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1 "Please find attached the list that ORR received from DHS of  
2 children in the *NTC* class that are cleared for reunification  
3 with their parent. The spreadsheet indicates where the parent  
4 is located and where the reunification will take place. I  
5 realize it is late on Saturday night. However, we wanted to  
6 provide this information to you as soon as possible in order to  
7 comply with the 48-hour notice. The federal field specialists  
8 are arranging for transportation for the children. HHS is also  
9 instructed to provide the following information. The  
10 information merely reflects the intent of ICE --"

11 THE COURT: Speak a little louder.

12 MR. BYARS: "The information merely reflects the  
13 intent of ICE at the current time, and based on currently  
14 available information. All custody and removal determinations  
15 will be made at the time the minor and parent are detained in  
16 ICE custody. ICE is not bound by this initial information and  
17 provides such information merely to inform The Legal Aid  
18 Society pursuant to the injunction in the *NTC v. ICE*, case  
19 number 18-6428, SDNY, filed July 16, 2018."

20 Then there is a spreadsheet. It has, I think it's 70  
21 names. There's various information at the top. There is an  
22 identifying number, family name, given name, gender. Then  
23 there is a facility name, reunification site; a column for  
24 final order yes or no, final order executable, final order  
25 date, matching child first name, matching child last name, and

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1 then an identifying number. Then a column that says "want  
2 child?" A column for criminality, whether there has been a  
3 conviction or charge or no charge, suspected of gang  
4 affiliation, most serious conviction, most serious pending  
5 charge, and various comments, and a custody decision. So it  
6 has all that information in the spreadsheet.

7 THE COURT: Let me go back to plaintiff's counsel.

8 What is it that you think, if anything, the government  
9 was required to provide in that notice that they didn't  
10 provide?

11 MS. GILLMAN: So, your Honor, the information that  
12 they provided in that e-mail that was just read by Mr. Byars is  
13 wholly insufficient. In particular, the end part of that  
14 e-mail I think frames the problem with the notice that was  
15 required, in that it says "this information merely reflects the  
16 intent of ICE at the current time." The meaning of notice is  
17 that the person actually gets real notice and the opportunity  
18 to respond to that notice.

19 The other problem in that notification that Mr. Byars  
20 just read is that it failed to indicate whether these children  
21 were going to be facing long-term detention with their parents  
22 in facilities that were noncompliant with the *Flores* settlement  
23 and whether or not they were facing deportation upon  
24 reunification.

25 If you would excuse me one moment, your Honor. Sorry.

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1           THE COURT: So the reason I asked this in part is that  
2 Judge Sabraw brought to my attention that he has put in place  
3 all sorts of provisions to address the very issues you just  
4 raised, that he was cognizant even before the action brought  
5 before Judge Swain and Judge Furman that the interests of the  
6 children are not necessarily coincident with the parents'  
7 interests at all times, but that at the same time  
8 reunification, at least in the short-term, was something he  
9 wanted to bring about promptly. So he, as I understand it, has  
10 arranged at each of the facilities where reunification is  
11 taking place, pursuant to his order, that there will be present  
12 people who will analyze and then report back to him on those  
13 kinds of issues so that he can make an informed judgment.

14           He also told me something that I must say was quite  
15 surprising to me, which was that Legal Aid had not made any  
16 efforts to appear before him since Judge Furman transferred the  
17 case other than filing a pro hac vice motion. One would have  
18 thought, given the exigencies that plaintiff's counsel has  
19 raised, that since it's the same counsel in the class action,  
20 that those matters would have been sought to be brought before  
21 him on a highly expedited basis, as it was in this court.

22           Did you want to say anything about that?

23           MS. GILLMAN: Your Honor, I think while we, of course,  
24 appreciate the fact that Judge Sabraw has indicated that he has  
25 put in place what he believes are -- I don't know how you want

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1 to refer to them -- requirements, that still doesn't address  
2 the issues that are before this Court. The issue is that --  
3 and why we specifically asked for your Honor to call Judge  
4 Gee -- is that our individual clients that are appearing before  
5 your Honor cannot have their interests properly represented in  
6 the actions that are being taken by the *Ms. L* litigation,  
7 because, again, the issue here is that --

8 THE COURT: To the extent that they have interests  
9 that are not being represented, now that the class action is  
10 before Judge Sabraw, why haven't you taken emergency action to  
11 bring those interests to his attention?

12 MS. GILLMAN: Well, your Honor, to begin with, we,  
13 again, got this e-mail notification from the government very  
14 late on Saturday night.

15 THE COURT: I understand that. But Judge Furman's  
16 order came down before that.

17 MS. GILLMAN: Your Honor, can I have one moment. I'm  
18 sorry.

19 THE COURT: Yes, of course.

20 MS. GILLMAN: So, your Honor, again, not to repeat  
21 myself, but if you will just excuse me I will do it one more  
22 time. We got this e-mail notification very late on Saturday  
23 night.

24 THE COURT: I must say that I made a point of bringing  
25 that to Judge Sabraw's attention, because it seemed to me that

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1 that was arguably quite heavy-handed on the government's part,  
2 but I am sure they would say they were trying to expedite  
3 things as quickly as possible. Nevertheless, it, at least on  
4 its face, smacks a little bit of gamesmanship, but then so does  
5 this action smack of gamesmanship.

6 MS. GILLMAN: I will not repeat myself again. We will  
7 start from the late e-mail notification. After receiving the  
8 late e-mail notification, my colleagues at The Legal Aid  
9 Society made efforts to reach out to government counsel to  
10 clarify the ambiguity that is inherent in the notice that Mr.  
11 Byars --

12 THE COURT: Excuse me. Forgive me. So who called  
13 whom?

14 MS. GILLMAN: We reached out to the individual who  
15 sent us the e-mail, and we --

16 THE COURT: Who is the individual who sent the e-mail?

17 MS. GILLMAN: My colleague, Mr. Copeland, is going to  
18 do this.

19 MR. COPELAND: These were mostly e-mail  
20 communications. It was with the Department of Health and Human  
21 Services. I think it's a Ms. Lisette Mestre reached out to me.

22 THE COURT: I'm sorry. The person who sent you the  
23 e-mail, which we will hereinafter refer to as "the Saturday  
24 night e-mail," was whom?

25 MR. COPELAND: So --

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1 THE COURT: Is that not a question that can be  
2 answered by a name?

3 MR. COPELAND: Yes. I think I said it. Lisette  
4 Mestre.

5 THE COURT: Spell it for the record.

6 MR. COPELAND: L-I-S-E-T-T-E, last name M E S T R E.

7 THE COURT: Does that person give in the e-mail her  
8 position?

9 MR. COPELAND: Yes, your Honor. She is an attorney  
10 with the Office of General Counsel, Children, Families and  
11 Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

12 THE COURT: OK. Who was it from your end who then  
13 e-mailed her with requests for more information, if that's what  
14 happened?

15 MR. COPELAND: That was me.

16 THE COURT: So we have got the real party interest.  
17 What did you ask her?

18 MR. COPELAND: I asked her what -- I just want to make  
19 sure I speak properly. She had e-mailed me earlier on  
20 Saturday, not just the Saturday night e-mail. She sent me an  
21 earlier e-mail that was asking for us to waive the protections  
22 of the TRO as to two siblings that wanted to be reunited in  
23 advance. So that's how our communication started. She  
24 indicated that she was the lead counsel for Health and Human  
25 Services on this case.

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1           So she sent me that. We looked into that case,  
2 determined that this was somebody that did indeed want to be  
3 reunited on a more expedited basis, didn't have any of the  
4 issues that we are facing with the eight children that we are  
5 here in court for today.

6           So to respond to your question, I believe it was the  
7 next morning, there was more communications between myself and  
8 attorney Mestre. Then at some point we learned that prior to  
9 the expiration of the 48 hours, even going from the time of the  
10 Saturday night e-mail, what would be 48 hours there, that one  
11 of our clients had actually been moved, and I think that that  
12 happened on early Monday.

13           So our understanding was that that was not complying  
14 with the order. So we reached out to attorney Mestre about  
15 that, as well as indicating that we had these additional  
16 clients that form, I think, the majority of the named  
17 plaintiffs in this action, who we indicated we wanted to know  
18 the status of whether or not they would be moved because we  
19 were aware of the fact that they had expressed wishes to not be  
20 reunited in detention or some other sort of issue in terms of  
21 their reunification.

22           THE COURT: Just so I am clear, you wanted to know,  
23 number one, whether any of them were about to be imminently  
24 moved, and if so, whether it's for purposes of detention or  
25 deportation. Do I have that right?

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1 MR. COPELAND: That is correct, your Honor.

2 THE COURT: What was the response?

3 MR. COPELAND: There was further communication with  
4 Ms. Mestre that didn't address that request yesterday, in terms  
5 of we had also provided other individuals that were part of the  
6 TRO that also wanted to waive.

7 Then we received an e-mail yesterday evening, I  
8 believe it was from the Department of Justice's -- one of the  
9 lead attorneys in the *Ms. L* litigation, I believe his name is  
10 August -- I am going to mispronounce his last name -- Lente, or  
11 something of that nature, which essentially said that the  
12 notice provided on Saturday night was compliant notwithstanding  
13 the fact that we had raised the issue that given --

14 THE COURT: So they had given you what they thought  
15 was required, and they weren't giving you anything else, is  
16 that the gist of it?

17 MR. COPELAND: Basically, yes.

18 THE COURT: Let me go back to the government.

19 I am not quite sure why you weren't giving more  
20 information.

21 MR. BYARS: Your Honor, I think HHS and Main Justice  
22 were providing what they could to Legal Aid, and they believed  
23 that they had satisfied the requirement.

24 THE COURT: Well, there is a question of whether they  
25 have satisfied the requirements and there is a question of



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1 whether they are operating in the spirit of Judge Furman's  
2 orders, Judge Swain's orders, and to the extent relevant, Judge  
3 Sabraw's orders. I don't understand why more of an attempt  
4 couldn't have been given to answer some of those inquiries.

5 Do you have any objection to providing more  
6 information?

7 MR. BYARS: Your Honor, I do not know what information  
8 can be provided. I understand that this is a huge logistical  
9 undertaking by numerous people to make this happen under the  
10 timeline that's ordered by the Southern District of California.  
11 So I am not able to say -- I do know that at the hearing, a  
12 week ago Monday, the judge was impressed with Commander  
13 Jonathan White's presentation about how logistically  
14 complicated this was and, in fact, was satisfied, based on our  
15 presentation, that even a 12-hour advance notice would be an  
16 impediment to providing the quickest possible reunification of  
17 child to parent.

18 So I really am unable to give you the kind of  
19 blow-by-blow breakdown of this process in a way that Commander  
20 White would be able to do. And I think that that's really what  
21 Judge Sabraw is trying to do in San Diego.

22 THE COURT: Do you know anything about this one  
23 instance that was referred to of someone who was moved on  
24 Monday?

25 MR. BYARS: I do not, your Honor.

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1           THE COURT: All right. So this is obviously a matter  
2 of great importance. It's important, first and foremost, to  
3 the parents and to the children, whose interests may not always  
4 coincide and therefore need to be separately expressed. It's a  
5 matter of great public interest. It is a matter that also  
6 impacts the proper effectuation of the orders now of several  
7 different courts: Judge Gee's approval of the *Flores*  
8 settlement, Judge Sabraw's various orders requiring  
9 reunification, Judge Swain and Judge Furman's temporary  
10 restraining orders, and now the matter before this Court.

11           I think the common sense of it is that these matters  
12 should, to the maximum extent possible, be consolidated before  
13 as few judges as possible. In my discussion before with Judge  
14 Sabraw, he felt that what was being requested here, arguably,  
15 conflicted with his orders, but he stressed that that was not  
16 his determination to make, it was the determination to be made  
17 by this Court. But there is a certain lack of common sense in  
18 not placing before a single judge, or at most two judges, the  
19 coordination of what is unquestionably a substantial  
20 undertaking of great importance. The potential for conflict,  
21 for even inadvertent conflict, is high in these kinds of  
22 situations. Therefore, I am going to forthwith transfer this  
23 entire case to the Southern District of California to Judge  
24 Sabraw.

25           I asked him how early he could hear from counsel in

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1 this case. He said he was holding a status conference today,  
2 at 3 p.m. California time, which is 6 p.m. New York time,  
3 therefore, about an hour and 20 minutes from now, and he would  
4 be pleased to hear from counsel for the plaintiffs here about  
5 the issues they have raised. For example, he has set in place,  
6 as I mentioned earlier, all sorts of provisions that he  
7 believes are addressed to making sure that the interests of the  
8 children are separately represented, but counsel in this case  
9 is in a very good position to bring to his attention why they  
10 don't think that may be true in the case of these nine children  
11 or whatever.

12 So he invited the appearance of counsel in this case  
13 at his hearing today. I assume he means by telephone since he  
14 knew they were in New York. I forgot to ask him that  
15 expressly, but I think it's implicit. And if there are any  
16 problems with that, you can come back to me and I will talk to  
17 Judge Sabraw because that clearly was my understanding.

18 I will issue a written order within the next few  
19 minutes transferring this case, but I think the most important  
20 thing is for counsel for the plaintiffs to call Judge Sabraw's  
21 chambers and arrange to be heard at 6:00 New York time, 3:00  
22 his time, on your various requests. In calling, his phone is  
23 initially answered by his secretary who probably is less  
24 familiar with this, so I would suggest you talk initially to  
25 the law clerk who is handling this matter, who was also on the

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1 phone during my conversation with Judge Sabraw so knows the  
2 full representations that were made. And as I say, if there is  
3 for any reason, which I would think extremely unlikely, any  
4 problem in facilitating that telephonic conversation, come back  
5 to me and I will call Judge Sabraw and clear that up.

6 Is there anything else we need to take up today?

7 MR. BYARS: Your Honor, I would just would ask that  
8 you consider noting in your order, there is a local civil rule  
9 83.1 that imposes a seven day --

10 THE COURT: I am going to slavishly copy the wording  
11 of Judge Furman, which addressed all that, and I am grateful to  
12 Judge Furman for giving me a model to follow.

13 Anything else?

14 MR. BYARS: I think just making sure that our case is  
15 docketed and we get a docket number.

16 THE COURT: Yes. Of course.

17 Very good. Thanks very much.

18 (Adjourned)

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**DEFENDANTS’  
EXHIBIT 3**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BEFORE HONORABLE DANA M. SABRAW, JUDGE PRESIDING

MS. L. AND MS. C.,	)	
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PETITIONERS-PLAINTIFFS,	)	CASE NO. 18CV0428-DMS
	)	
VS.	)	
	)	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS	)	TUESDAY JULY 24, 2018
ENFORCEMENT ("ICE"); U.S. DEPARTMENT	)	3:00 P.M. CALENDAR
OF HOMELAND SECURITY ("DHS"); U.S.	)	
CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION ("CBP");	)	
U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION	)	
SERVICES ("USCIS"); U.S. DEPARTMENT	)	
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ("HHS");	)	
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3 **THE CLERK:** NO. 2 ON CALENDAR, CASE NO. 18CV0428,  
4 MS. L. VERSUS U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT; ON FOR  
5 STATUS CONFERENCE.

6 **THE COURT:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

7 CAN I HAVE APPEARANCES, PLEASE?

8 **MR. GELERT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. LEE  
9 GELERT FOR THE ACLU FOR PLAINTIFFS.

10 **MR. AMDUR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. SPENCER AMDUR FOR THE  
11 PLAINTIFFS.

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15 STEWART FOR THE DEFENDANTS.

16 **MS. FABIAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. SARAH  
17 FABIAN FOR THE DEFENDANTS.

18 **THE COURT:** THANK YOU. AND WELCOME ALL.

19 LET'S GO THROUGH THE STATUS REPORT. THERE IS A LOT  
20 OF INFORMATION HERE, AND I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS.

21 THERE IS AN INDICATION OF 1,634 ELIGIBLE. THAT'S  
22 SIMILAR TO WHERE WE WERE LAST TIME WITH 1606.

23 **MS. FABIAN:** YOUR HONOR, THAT IS 1637 TODAY.

24 **THE COURT:** OKAY.

25 AND THERE IS AN INDICATION OF SUCCESSFUL

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1 REUNIFICATION OF 879.

2 **MS. FABIAN:** THAT'S 1,012 TODAY.

3 **THE COURT:** 1,012. THAT SHOWS HOW FLUID AND ACTIVE  
4 THE PROCESS IS.

5 OF THOSE 1,012, HOW MANY ARE DETAINED TOGETHER AND  
6 HOW MANY ARE BEING PAROLED INTO THE COMMUNITY?

7 **MS. FABIAN:** I DON'T HAVE THOSE NUMBERS, YOUR HONOR.

8 **THE COURT:** DO YOU HAVE AN APPROXIMATION?

9 **MS. FABIAN:** I DON'T THINK I DO AT THIS TIME, YOUR  
10 HONOR.

11 **THE COURT:** THE INDICATION ALSO IS THAT ALL  
12 POTENTIAL CLASS MEMBERS HAVE BEEN -- HAVE COMPLETED THEIR  
13 INTERVIEW, AND THE CHILD FILE REVIEW HAS BEEN COMPLETED AS  
14 WELL. AM I CORRECT?

15 **MS. FABIAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

16 **THE COURT:** SO THE PROCESS, AT THIS POINT, INVOLVES  
17 APPROXIMATELY 1,417 PEOPLE, AND THEN THE REUNIFICATION IS  
18 PROGRESSING AS TO ALL.

19 **MS. FABIAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

20 **THE COURT:** THE INFORMATION THAT WE DON'T HAVE IS  
21 HOW MANY ARE BEING DETAINED TOGETHER, HOW MANY ARE BEING  
22 PAROLED.

23 **MS. FABIAN:** I DON'T HAVE THAT, NO, YOUR HONOR.

24 I CAN SEE FROM MY CLIENTS WHAT WE CAN PUT ON THAT IN  
25 THE NEXT STATUS REPORT, IF THAT'S SOMETHING THE COURT IS

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1 INTERESTED IN.

2 **THE COURT:** YES. WE WILL GET TO THAT IN A MOMENT.  
3 LET'S KEEP GOING DOWN THE LIST.

4 THEN THE INITIAL DETERMINATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF  
5 PARENTS WHO ARE INELIGIBLE, THERE IS 917?

6 **MS. FABIAN:** THAT'S 914.

7 **THE COURT:** NOW 914.

8 THERE WERE TWO PARENTS IN CRIMINAL CUSTODY, THEY ARE  
9 NOW OUT?

10 **MS. FABIAN:** I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT NUMBER MOVED. I  
11 AM NOT SURE IF THAT -- WHERE THAT CHANGED.

12 **THE COURT:** BECAUSE THE INDICATION IS THEY ARE NOW  
13 ZERO.

14 PARENTS WHO WAIVED REUNIFICATION. IT WAS 136 IT IS  
15 NOW 130?

16 **MS. FABIAN:** IT IS NOW 127. MY UNDERSTANDING IS  
17 SOME MAY HAVE CHANGED THEIR MIND.

18 **THE COURT:** OKAY. SO WHERE THEY WANT TO BE  
19 REUNIFIED.

20 **MS. FABIAN:** CORRECT.

21 **THE COURT:** THAT COULD BE FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS,  
22 EITHER TO PURSUE IMMIGRATION ISSUES TOGETHER -- COULD BE A  
23 VARIETY OF REASONS.

24 **MS. FABIAN:** I EXPECT, YOUR HONOR, THAT A LOT OF  
25 TIMES THE DECISION TO WAIVE REUNIFICATION WOULD BE BASED ON

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1 DESIRE TO HAVE THE CHILD BE RELEASED TO ANOTHER RELATIVE SO --  
2 AND PERHAPS PURSUE RELIEF SEPARATELY, SO THEY MAY CHANGE THAT  
3 DECISION FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS.

4 **THE COURT:** ADULTS WITH PRECLUDING CRIMINAL HISTORY,  
5 THAT WAS AT 91, IT IS NOW 64. SO WE ARE 27 CLEARED?

6 **MS. FABIAN:** THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING. THAT NUMBER  
7 INCLUDED WHAT WE, I THINK, CALLED THE AMBER CATEGORY, FOLKS  
8 WHO HAD INITIALLY BEEN DETERMINED TO HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD  
9 BUT THEN UPON EVALUATION IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THEY WERE  
10 CLEARED FOR REUNIFICATION.

11 **THE COURT:** OKAY.

12 THE NEXT CATEGORY INDICATES ADULTS NOT IN THE UNITED  
13 STATES UNDER REVIEW, 463. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

14 **MS. FABIAN:** THE RECORDS RECORDED -- REFLECT 463  
15 WITH A CODE THAT SUGGESTS THAT THEY MAY HAVE DEPARTED THE  
16 UNITED STATES.

17 WHAT I UNDERSTAND WE ARE DOING IS TAKING A CLOSER  
18 LOOK AT THOSE TO DETERMINE IF THAT IS, IN FACT, WHAT THE CODE  
19 INDICATES, OR IF THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE INDICATED BY THAT  
20 CODE, WHETHER IT IS -- SO IT MAY BE A REMOVAL OR IT MAY BE A  
21 VOLUNTARILY DEPARTURE THAT IS UNRELATED TO A SEPARATION, OR IT  
22 MAY BE A PRIOR CODE. SO WE ARE JUST GOING THROUGH THOSE -- AS  
23 I UNDERSTAND IT THE CLIENT IS GOING THROUGH THOSE TO DETERMINE  
24 EXACTLY WHAT THAT CODE MEANS IN EACH OF THOSE CASES.

25 **THE COURT:** WOULD THAT NUMBER REFLECT PARENTS WHO

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1 HAVE BEEN REMOVED OR VOLUNTARILY DEPARTED WITHOUT THEIR CHILD?

2 **MS. FABIAN:** IT MAY, YES. THAT IS WHAT WE ARE  
3 DETERMINING. THAT IS WHAT WE ARE REVIEWING RIGHT NOW.

4 **THE COURT:** DO YOU HAVE ANY INDICATION WHAT THE  
5 NUMBERS MIGHT BE OF PARENTS WHO HAVE BEEN REMOVED OR  
6 VOLUNTARILY DEPARTED WITHOUT THEIR CHILDREN? DO YOU HAVE AN  
7 ESTIMATE OF WHAT THAT PERCENTAGE WOULD BE OF THESE 463?

8 **MS. FABIAN:** I DON'T, YOUR HONOR. I THINK IT WOULD  
9 ULTIMATELY BE SOMETHING LESS THAN THE 463, BUT IT COULD BE  
10 THAT WHOLE NUMBER. I THINK IT IS JUST A MATTER OF THE AGENCY  
11 BEING ABLE TO LOOK AT EACH INDIVIDUALLY TO SEE WHAT THE  
12 NUMBERS MEAN.

13 **THE COURT:** THIS, TO BE CLEAR, COULD BE THE CATEGORY  
14 WHERE PARENTS AND CHILDREN WERE SEPARATED, EITHER BEFORE OR  
15 DURING THE ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY, AND THERE WASN'T  
16 INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE TO DETERMINE, AT SEPARATE TIMES, WHERE  
17 THE PARENT WAS VERSUS THE CHILD, WHICH THEN RESULTED IN A  
18 NUMBER OF PARENTS BEING REMOVED WITHOUT CHILD. AM I CORRECT?

19 **MS. FABIAN:** IT COULD BE, YOUR HONOR. THAT COULD  
20 FALL UNDER THAT CATEGORY.

21 **THE COURT:** THIS NUMBER COULD BE VERY SIGNIFICANT.  
22 THERE IS 463 HERE, AND I THINK THERE WERE 12 WITH THE  
23 UNDER-FIVE.

24 **MS. FABIAN:** I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT THE FINAL NUMBER  
25 WAS. THAT SOUNDS RIGHT, I THINK IT WAS 12.

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1           **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT. WE WILL COME BACK TO THAT IN  
2 A MOMENT.

3           THE NEXT CATEGORY IS FURTHER EVALUATION, 260. WHAT  
4 DOES THIS CATEGORY MEAN?

5           **MS. FABIAN:** THOSE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, ARE CHILDREN  
6 THAT FOR WHOM O.R.R. IS DOING FURTHER EVALUATION. THAT MAY BE  
7 THAT THE PARENT WAS RELEASED AND O.R.R. HASN'T LOCATED THE  
8 PARENT. IT MAY BE THAT THE CHILD HAD BEEN POTENTIALLY  
9 RELEASED TO ANOTHER SPONSOR.

10           SO I THINK THOSE ARE CHILDREN FOR WHOM O.R.R.  
11 DOESN'T -- CAN'T CONCLUSIVELY PLACE THEM IN ONE OF THE OTHER  
12 CATEGORIES AND SO THEY ARE REVIEWING TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE,  
13 IN FACT, CHILDREN OF CLASS MEMBERS. AND THEN, IF SO, WHETHER  
14 REUNIFICATION IS REQUIRED OR POSSIBLE.

15           **THE COURT:** SO OF THESE 260, A NUMBER OF THESE MAY  
16 BE CLASS MEMBERS RELEASED INTO THE INTERIOR.

17           **MS. FABIAN:** SOME MAY BE, THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING.  
18 AND SOME MAY, IN FACT, NOT BE THE CHILDREN OF CLASS MEMBERS.

19           **THE COURT:** SO THE 217 NUMBER OF CLASS MEMBERS  
20 RELEASED INTO THE INTERIOR MAY INCREASE.

21           **MS. FABIAN:** I THINK THAT IS RIGHT. AS I UNDERSTAND  
22 IT, 217 ARE THAT O.R.R. KNOWS ABOUT AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF  
23 REUNIFICATION.

24           **THE COURT:** AND THEN YOU HAVE INDICATED OF THIS 260  
25 MANY OF THESE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED BY O.R.R. IN

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1 APPROPRIATE CIRCUMSTANCES. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

2 **MS. FABIAN:** IT MEANS THAT THEY MAY HAVE BEEN  
3 RELEASED TO OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS, AND THAT MAY BE BECAUSE  
4 EITHER THEY HAD JUST BEEN -- THE PARENT HAD DESIGNATED THEM TO  
5 BE RELEASED TO OTHER CLASS MEMBERS AT CERTAIN TIMES. SO NOT  
6 ALL OF THOSE 260 REMAIN IN O.R.R. CUSTODY, SOME MAY HAVE BEEN  
7 RELEASED TO OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. BUT THERE WOULD STILL, IN  
8 SOME CASES, BE CONTINUED EVALUATION TO SEE IF THAT FURTHER  
9 ACTION TOWARDS REUNIFICATION WOULD BE NECESSARY.

10 **THE COURT:** SO OF THESE 260, SOME OF THESE PARENTS  
11 MAY FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF PARENTS WHO HAVE BEEN RELEASED  
12 INTO THE INTERIOR, AND SOME OF THEM MAY FALL INTO THE CATEGORY  
13 OF HAVING BEEN REMOVED ALREADY.

14 **MS. FABIAN:** NOT THAT OUR RECORDS CURRENTLY  
15 INDICATE, BUT I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE THAT THAT WOULDN'T BE THE  
16 CASE. BUT THE RECORDS DON'T INDICATE THAT BASED ON WHAT WE  
17 HAVE RIGHT NOW AS ANY INDICATORS FOR THE PARENTS.

18 **THE COURT:** WHAT DO THE RECORDS INDICATE? HOW CAN  
19 YOU RULE OUT THAT OF THIS 260 A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE HAVE NOT  
20 ALREADY BEEN REMOVED, AS OPPOSED TO SAYING IT APPEARS THIS 260  
21 MAY INCLUDE THOSE RELEASED INTO THE INTERIOR, BUT WE ARE  
22 PRETTY SURE IT DOESN'T INCLUDE THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN  
23 REMOVED.

24 **MS. FABIAN:** AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE CHILDREN HAVE  
25 BEEN LINKED TO A PARENT BY A-NUMBER. SO FOR THE 463 THE

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1 PARENT'S A-NUMBER IS LINKED TO A CODE THAT SUGGESTS THAT THEY  
2 POTENTIALLY -- THAT POTENTIALLY COULD INDICATE REMOVAL OR  
3 POTENTIALLY VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE. SO FOR THE 260, THE PARENT'S  
4 A-NUMBER THAT IS LINKED DOES NOT CONTAIN THAT CODE.

5 **THE COURT:** OKAY.

6 **MS. FABIAN:** IT LINKS TO SOME OTHER CODES THAT ARE  
7 UNDER FURTHER EVALUATION TO DETERMINE IF THAT MEANS THEY HAVE  
8 BEEN RELEASED AND NOT LOCATED OR SOME OF THE OTHER THINGS I  
9 INDICATED.

10 **THE COURT:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

11 FINAL ORDER OF REMOVAL, THERE ARE 900. IS THAT THE  
12 CURRENT NUMBER OR IS THAT -- DO YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT NUMBER?

13 **MS. FABIAN:** THAT WAS THE NUMBER AS OF YESTERDAY. I  
14 DID NOT GET AN UPDATED NUMBER TODAY.

15 **THE COURT:** AND OF THAT NUMBER, DO WE KNOW HOW MANY  
16 WERE REMOVED WITH THEIR CHILDREN VERSUS WITHOUT?

17 **MS. FABIAN:** I BELIEVE THERE HAVE BEEN 20 REMOVALS,  
18 BUT I WOULD HAVE TO CONFIRM THAT.

19 **THE COURT:** 20 --

20 **MS. FABIAN:** 20 REMOVALS OF -- I BELIEVE THAT IS 20  
21 AFTER REUNIFICATION, BUT I WOULD HAVE TO CONFIRM THAT.

22 **THE COURT:** 20 AFTER REUNIFICATION. SO THAT  
23 WOULD -- DOES THAT MEAN 880 WERE REMOVED PRIOR TO  
24 REUNIFICATION?

25 **MS. FABIAN:** I AM SORRY. THOSE 900 ARE NOT REMOVED.

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1 THOSE -- THAT 900 WOULD SPAN -- I WOULD SAY THAT 900 IS MOSTLY  
2 GOING TO BE FOUND IN THE TOP CATEGORY --

3 **THE COURT:** YES.

4 **MS. FABIAN:** -- OF THE POTENTIAL CLASS MEMBERS  
5 ELIGIBLE FOR REUNIFICATION, BUT THAT DOES NOT INDICATE THAT  
6 THEY HAVE BEEN REMOVED YET.

7 **THE COURT:** OKAY. SO YOU HAVE INDICATED THAT 1,012  
8 CLASS MEMBERS HAVE BEEN REUNIFIED, AND 900 ARE SUBJECT TO A  
9 FINAL ORDER OF REMOVAL.

10 WOULDNT'T THAT THEN INDICATE THAT AT LEAST 900 OF THE  
11 1,012 ARE DETAINED, WITH CHILD, IN ICE DETENTION? SO THE  
12 NUMBERS RELEASED INTO THE COMMUNITY WOULD BE VERY SMALL.

13 **MS. FABIAN:** NOT NECESSARILY. A FINAL -- A FINAL  
14 ORDER AS USED IN THIS CATEGORY IS ACTUALLY DIFFERENT FROM AN  
15 EXECUTABLE FINAL ORDER. SO IN SOME CASES SOMEONE WITH A FINAL  
16 ORDER MIGHT HAVE ADDITIONAL STEPS IN THEIR IMMIGRATION REVIEW.  
17 AND SO I CAN'T -- I DON'T HAVE THE NUMBERS NECESSARILY TO SAY  
18 IF THEN FOLKS AT THAT STAGE HAVE BEEN RELEASED. BUT IT  
19 DOESN'T CORRELATE THAT ALL OF THOSE 900 HAVE -- IN FACT IT IS  
20 NOT TRUE THAT ALL OF THOSE 900 HAVE EXECUTABLE FINAL ORDERS.

21 I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT THAT 900 IS REALLY WITHIN THE  
22 1600 NUMBER IN TERMS OF WHETHER ALL OF THOSE HAVE BEEN  
23 REUNIFIED. SOME OF THEM MAY ALSO BE WITHIN THE APPROXIMATELY  
24 400 STILL AWAITING REUNIFICATION.

25 **THE COURT:** OKAY. WE MAY HAVE ALREADY TOUCHED ON

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1 SOME OF THESE, BUT THERE ARE A FEW OTHER QUESTIONS ON THE  
2 UPDATED NUMBERS. AND MAYBE WE DON'T HAVE THIS INFORMATION  
3 YET.

4 HOW MANY OF THE PARENTS THAT HAVE BEEN REUNITED ARE  
5 SCHEDULED TO BE -- OR ARE SCHEDULED TO BE REUNITED HAVE FINAL  
6 REMOVAL ORDERS? IS THAT THE 900?

7 **MS. FABIAN:** MOST LIKELY, YES. SO I WOULD SAY THAT  
8 THAT 900 COMES OUT OF THAT, THE TOP BULLET POINT, WHICH IS  
9 INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR REUNIFICATION.

10 **THE COURT:** OF THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN REUNIFIED, HOW  
11 MANY HAVE BEEN REMOVED ALREADY? I THINK YOU SAID MAYBE 20.

12 **MS. FABIAN:** THAT IS MY BEST GUESS, BUT I WOULD WANT  
13 TO CONFIRM BEFORE.

14 **THE COURT:** DO YOU KNOW, OF THAT NUMBER, HOW MANY  
15 WERE REMOVED WITH THEIR CHILDREN?

16 **MS. FABIAN:** I DON'T.

17 **THE COURT:** OKAY.

18 **MS. FABIAN:** I THINK I WOULD SAY, MORE ACCURATELY,  
19 THE STATISTIC I HAVE IS THAT 20 CLASS MEMBERS, APPROXIMATELY  
20 20, WERE REMOVED AFTER THE COURT'S ORDER, SO I CAN'T SAY AMONG  
21 THOSE WHICH WERE REMOVED WITH THEIR CHILDREN OR WITHOUT. THEY  
22 WOULD HAVE ALL BEEN SUBJECT TO A WAIVER SUBJECT TO THE  
23 PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION IF THEY WERE REMOVED WITHOUT THEIR  
24 CHILDREN. BUT I DON'T HAVE THE NUMBER AS TO HOW MANY OF THOSE  
25 WERE REMOVED WITH OR WITHOUT THEIR CHILDREN.

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1           **THE COURT:** AND THERE IS A 136 PARENTS THAT WAIVED  
2 REUNIFICATION AS OF THE PRESENT TIME. DO YOU KNOW OF THOSE --  
3 IT IS 127 -- OF THOSE 127 WAIVED REUNIFICATION AFTER RECEIVING  
4 THE CLASS NOTICE?

5           **MS. FABIAN:** SO THIS IS -- I THINK I EXPLAINED THIS  
6 AT THE LAST HEARING AS WELL. THERE IS REALLY -- THIS NUMBER  
7 IS INDIVIDUALS WHO WAIVED REUNIFICATION AT THEIR INTERVIEW  
8 WITH HHS, SO THAT IS NOT -- DOES NOT CORRELATE TO INDIVIDUALS  
9 NECESSARILY HAVING A FINAL ORDER OF REMOVAL. THAT IS, AS  
10 COMMANDER WHITE EXPLAINED, THAT FINAL STEP BEFORE  
11 REUNIFICATION IS ENSURING THAT THE PARENT IN FACT WANTS TO BE  
12 REUNIFIED. SO THAT NUMBER IS FOLKS THAT DECLINED  
13 REUNIFICATION AT THAT STEP.

14           RELATEDLY I THINK YOU WILL SEE IN TODAY'S FILING BY  
15 THE GOVERNMENT IN THE DECLARATION THAT ICE HAS IDENTIFIED 85  
16 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DECLINED -- HAVE WAIVED REUNIFICATION  
17 WITH A FINAL ORDER ON THE NOTICE FORM. I HAVEN'T -- SO  
18 WHETHER THERE IS -- THERE IS LIKELY OVERLAP BETWEEN THAT 85  
19 AND SOME NUMBER OF THIS 127, BUT IT IS TWO DIFFERENT PARTS OF  
20 THE PROCESS.

21           **THE COURT:** OKAY. FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S  
22 PERSPECTIVE, THEN, OF THE ELIGIBLE CLASS MEMBERS,  
23 REUNIFICATION WILL BE COMPLETED BY THURSDAY, OR VERY CLOSE TO  
24 IT.

25           **MS. FABIAN:** THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING.

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1           **THE COURT:** BECAUSE EVERYONE HAS BEEN CLEARED, AND  
2 1,012 HAVE ALREADY BEEN REUNIFIED AND THE BALANCE ARE  
3 SCHEDULED, TRANSPORTATION PENDING, WHICH I ASSUME WOULD OCCUR  
4 BETWEEN NOW AND THURSDAY.

5           **MS. FABIAN:** I THINK MY COLLEAGUE MAY SPEAK TO THIS  
6 A LITTLE BIT. THERE ARE SOME ISSUES WITH STAYS OR OTHER  
7 INJUNCTIONS BEING ISSUED IN OTHER COURTS THAT MAY IMPEDE THAT  
8 PROCESS FOR SOME SMALL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS. BUT FOR THE  
9 MOST PART --

10          **THE COURT:** THAT'S THE NEW YORK SITUATION?

11          **MS. FABIAN:** YES.

12          **THE COURT:** LET'S ADDRESS THAT IN A MOMENT.

13                   BUT ASIDE FROM THAT, THAT WOULD BE A VERY SMALL  
14 GROUP OF CHILDREN.

15          **MS. FABIAN:** I AM NOT AWARE -- THE ONLY OTHER ISSUE  
16 I HAD HEARD WAS POTENTIAL WEATHER-RELATED TRAVEL ISSUES. BUT  
17 OTHER THAN THAT I HAVE NOT HEARD OF ANY IMPEDIMENTS TO  
18 COMPLETING THE PROCESS.

19          **THE COURT:** OKAY. AND THEN AS TO THE CATEGORY, I  
20 THINK IT IS 914, OF INELIGIBLE, THAT'S THE CATEGORY WHERE THE  
21 PLAINTIFFS, WITH THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION, CAN EITHER AGREE  
22 OR IF THERE IS DISAGREEMENT BRING IT TO THE COURT'S ATTENTION  
23 AT A LATER TIME.

24          **MS. FABIAN:** I THINK THAT IS RIGHT. WE WILL NEED TO  
25 GATHER THAT INFORMATION AND GIVE IT TO PLAINTIFFS, AND WE ARE

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1 WORKING ON THAT. AND I THINK THEN WE CAN MEET AND CONFER  
2 FURTHER AS TO THE PROCESS.

3 **THE COURT:** AND THEN ON THE LIST, THE INFORMATION,  
4 LET'S RUN THROUGH THAT QUICKLY.

5 THERE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A LIST OF CLASS MEMBERS WHO  
6 WAIVED REUNIFICATION PRIOR TO REMOVAL, AND THERE IS AN  
7 INDICATION THAT THAT IS COMING. WHAT'S THE PROFFER THERE?

8 **MS. FABIAN:** I THINK WE HAVE GIVEN A LIST, AND I  
9 THINK I UPDATED IT EARLIER TODAY, AND THAT IS OF THE 127 WHO  
10 WAIVED DURING THE HHS INTERVIEW PROCESS THE -- I KNOW  
11 PLAINTIFFS HAVE ASKED FOR THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WAIVED ON THE  
12 FORM, THE COURT ORDERED FORM. AND THAT SEEMS TO NOW HAVE BEEN  
13 COMPLETED, AND I HOPE VERY SHORTLY WE WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE  
14 THEM THAT LIST.

15 **THE COURT:** AND THAT WOULD BE DONE -- YOU ARE IN A  
16 POSITION TO DO THAT, FOR EXAMPLE BY TOMORROW SOMETIME?

17 **MS. FABIAN:** I HAVE AN EMAIL OUT TO CONFIRM THAT,  
18 BUT AS REFLECTED IN OUR DECLARATION FILED THIS MORNING, IT  
19 APPEARS THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED THOSE 85 INDIVIDUALS, SO IT  
20 SHOULD BE WE -- SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THAT LIST VERY  
21 SHORTLY.

22 **THE COURT:** THEN HOW ABOUT THE LIST OF CLASS MEMBERS  
23 WHO HAVE BEEN REMOVED. WHERE ARE WE ON THAT?

24 **MS. FABIAN:** THAT'S THE LIST THAT'S UNDER FURTHER  
25 REVIEW, AS I JUST INDICATED. I HAVE NOT RECEIVED A TIMETABLE

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1 FOR THAT. I HAVE ASKED FOR IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I KNOW  
2 THAT WE COMMITTED TO DOING IT ON FRIDAY, AND THERE WAS A  
3 MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MYSELF AND MY CLIENT AS FAR AS WHAT  
4 WAS BEING ASKED FOR. SO I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE PULLING  
5 TOGETHER WHAT THEY CAN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT I DON'T  
6 HAVE THE TIMETABLE FOR THAT FROM THEM.

7 **THE COURT:** IF THE COURT WERE TO ISSUE AN ORDER AS  
8 TO WHEN THAT LIST SHOULD BE PRODUCED, DO YOU HAVE A POSITION  
9 AS TO WHAT CAN BE DONE? BECAUSE WHEN WE DISCUSSED THIS LAST  
10 THERE WAS INDICATION THAT THE LIST WOULD BE COMING, I THINK  
11 FRIDAY. AND THEN THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT MAYBE  
12 PRODUCING THE LIST ON MONDAY, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN YESTERDAY.

13 **MS. FABIAN:** I HOPE TO HAVE A LIST TONIGHT THAT  
14 WOULD HELP ME BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT LIST WILL CONTAIN.  
15 SO WHAT -- I THINK WHAT I CAN SAY IS I HOPE THAT BY TOMORROW  
16 WE COULD PROVIDE SOME INFORMATION. WHAT I CAN'T COMMIT TO  
17 RIGHT NOW IS EXACTLY WHAT THAT WILL CONTAIN BECAUSE I WON'T  
18 KNOW UNTIL I SEE THAT LATER TODAY.

19 **THE COURT:** AND THEN THERE WAS A LIST OF CLASS  
20 MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM ICE CUSTODY. YOU ARE  
21 INDICATING YOU NEED ADDITIONAL TIME ON THAT.

22 **MS. FABIAN:** I THINK SOME OF THAT -- AS I NOW  
23 UNDERSTAND BETTER, I THINK SOME OF THAT MAY BE CONTAINED IN  
24 TERMS OF THE -- THOSE REFLECTED IN THE TOP BULLET POINT. I  
25 THINK SOME OF THOSE MAY BE REFLECTED IN WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN

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1 PRODUCED TO PLAINTIFFS. IN TERMS OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO  
2 MIGHT FALL IN THE BOTTOM CATEGORY, WHICH IS THE FURTHER REVIEW  
3 CATEGORY OR THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT WE CAN'T LOCATE, I THINK  
4 THAT I DON'T HAVE YET. AND I HOPE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THAT  
5 SOON AS WELL.

6 AND I KNOW THAT IS THE CATEGORY THAT PLAINTIFFS ARE  
7 INTERESTED IN, AND I SAID TO THEM THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO  
8 WORK TO GET THAT TO THEM AS SOON AS WE CAN.

9 **THE COURT:** YOU COULD PROVIDE A LIST, THOUGH, FOR  
10 EXAMPLE THE PARENTS YOU KNOW WHO HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM ICE  
11 CUSTODY, YOU CAN PROVIDE THAT SPECIFIC INFORMATION. AND THEN  
12 YOU COULD ALSO ARTICULATE HOW MANY PARENTS YOU DON'T KNOW  
13 WHERE THEY ARE.

14 **MS. FABIAN:** I THINK THAT IS RIGHT, YOUR HONOR.

15 **THE COURT:** OKAY. WHAT WOULD BE THE EXPLANATION FOR  
16 NOT KNOWING WHERE THE PARENTS ARE? WHAT HAPPENED? IS THIS  
17 BECAUSE DOJ DIDN'T HAVE THE INFORMATION, OR DHS DOESN'T HAVE  
18 THE INFORMATION SO THERE IS AN INABILITY TO GIVE IT TO HHS AND  
19 THEN TO GOVERNMENT COUNSEL HERE TODAY? OR WHAT IS THE  
20 EXPLANATION?

21 **MS. FABIAN:** I THINK THAT IF THE PARENT WAS  
22 TRANSFERRED INTO ANY SORT OF STATE CUSTODY, FOR EXAMPLE IF  
23 THERE WAS A WARRANT OUT FOR STATE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND THE  
24 PARENT WAS TRANSFERRED THERE, THAT THAT PARENT MAY HAVE BEEN  
25 THEN RELEASED WITHOUT NOTICE TO THE GOVERNMENT. SO IF THAT

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1 PATIENT DID NOT THEN COME FORWARD TO HHS TO SEEK REUNIFICATION  
2 HHS MIGHT NOT BE AWARE OF THEIR WHEREABOUTS OR HOW TO CONTACT  
3 THEM.

4 RELATEDLY, IF THEY WERE RELEASED BY -- RELEASED FROM  
5 CRIMINAL CUSTODY, AND EVEN FEDERAL CRIMINAL CUSTODY BUT DID  
6 NOT GO TO ICE CUSTODY THE SAME SITUATION COULD HAVE OCCURRED.  
7 SO I THINK IT IS MOST LIKELY INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE RELEASED  
8 FROM SOME FORM OF CUSTODY AND -- MOST LIKELY PRIOR TO THE  
9 ORDER BUT THEN DIDN'T REACH OUT TO O.R.R. TO MAKE CONTACT FOR  
10 REUNIFICATION.

11 **THE COURT:** MANY OF THESE PARENTS COULD BE IN ICE  
12 CUSTODY, BUT BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN AND  
13 AMONG THE AGENCIES IT IS UNCERTAIN WHERE THESE PARENTS  
14 ACTUALLY ARE, WHETHER THEY ARE WITH ICE OR WHETHER THEY ARE  
15 WITH B.O.P. OR WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN RELEASED?

16 **MS. FABIAN:** IF THEY REMAIN IN ICE CUSTODY I THINK  
17 THAT WE WOULD HAVE IDENTIFIED THEM BY NOW.

18 IF THEY ARE IN B.O.P. CUSTODY, IT IS NOT IN THE ICE  
19 RECORDS BUT THAT IS SOMETHING THAT AS WE NARROW THE NUMBER  
20 DOWN -- THERE IS NO WAY TO SIMPLY RUN THAT NUMBER, BUT AS WE  
21 NARROW THE NUMBER DOWN THAT IS A PLACE WE CAN CHECK.

22 SIMILARLY, IF WE WERE TO TRY TO REVIEW STATE CUSTODY  
23 IT IS A MATTER OF REALLY HAVING TO CHECK ON AN INDIVIDUALIZED  
24 BASIS.

25 **THE COURT:** SO BY PROCESS OF ELIMINATION, THESE

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1 PARENTS ARE LIKELY NOT IN ICE DETENTION BECAUSE IF THEY WERE  
2 YOU WOULD KNOW. IF THEY WERE RELEASED FROM ICE YOU WOULD KNOW  
3 THAT. SO IT WOULD APPEAR THEY ARE EITHER IN STATE OR FEDERAL  
4 CUSTODY, EITHER B.O.P. OR THE STATE CUSTODY.

5 **MS. FABIAN:** I THINK THAT WOULD BE MY BEST GUESS,  
6 YOUR HONOR, YES. OR RELEASED FROM ONE OF THOSE IN A MANNER  
7 WHERE WE WEREN'T NOTIFIED AND THEY HAVEN'T THEN COME FORWARD.

8 **THE COURT:** OKAY. IF THERE WAS COMMUNICATION AMONG  
9 THE THREE AGENCIES, B.O.P. UNDER DOJ, ICE UNDER DHS, AND THEN  
10 O.R.R. UNDER HHS, IT WOULD BE -- YOU WOULD KNOW WHERE THE  
11 PARENT IS.

12 **MS. FABIAN:** I DON'T THINK THAT IN THOSE CASES IT  
13 WOULD BE A COMMUNICATIONS ISSUE. I THINK FOR THE MOST PART IF  
14 AN INDIVIDUAL IS IN -- WELL, IN B.O.P. CUSTODY THERE IS --  
15 BECAUSE ICE WOULD LIKELY PLACE A DETAINER AND THAT DETAINER  
16 WOULD BE HONORED BY THE FEDERAL -- BY B.O.P., THAT THAT WOULD  
17 LIKELY BE -- WE WOULDN'T LOSE TRACK.

18 SO THERE IS A SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATION THERE THAT I  
19 THINK WOULD LIKELY NOT LOSE TRACK OF PARENTS IN THAT  
20 SITUATION, BUT I THINK THE MOST LIKELY SCENARIO WOULD BE FOR  
21 INDIVIDUALS WHO GO INTO STATE CUSTODY.

22 **THE COURT:** OKAY.

23 MR. GELERT, YOU HAVE BEEN SITTING PATIENTLY.

24 **MR. GELERT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.

25 YOU ACTUALLY ASKED JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING WE WERE

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1 GOING TO ASK ABOUT, SO I DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH.

2 YOU KNOW, THE INFORMATION YOU ASKED ABOUT WE  
3 CERTAINLY WANT AND WE CERTAINLY, AS YOUR HONOR SEEMED TO BE  
4 SUGGESTING, WILL TAKE PIECEMEAL INFORMATION BETTER THAN  
5 NOTHING.

6 I JUST WANTED TO ASK ABOUT A COUPLE OF THINGS.  
7 THE 20 WHO HAVE BEEN, I THINK REUNITED AND  
8 REMOVED --

9 COUNSEL, MS. FABIAN.

10 **MS. FABIAN:** SORRY.

11 **MR. GELERNT:** THE 20 WHO WERE REMOVED, YOU MENTIONED  
12 THOSE WERE REUNITED AND REMOVED AT SOME POINT.

13 **MS. FABIAN:** THOSE ARE REFLECTED ON THE CHART THAT  
14 WE PRODUCED TO YOU YESTERDAY.

15 **MR. GELERNT:** WE HAVE NAMES FOR EACH OF THOSE 20?

16 **MS. FABIAN:** YOU SHOULD, YES.

17 **MR. GELERNT:** OKAY.

18 AND THE OTHER QUESTION I WANTED TO ASK IS ABOUT THE  
19 37. I THINK YOUR HONOR WAS ASKING ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT HAVING  
20 BEEN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY WHERE PARENTS ARE.

21 BUT MY UNDERSTANDING -- AND CORRECT ME IF I AM  
22 WRONG -- IS THAT THERE IS STILL 37 KIDS FOR WHOM THE IDENTITY  
23 OF THE PARENT HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THIS POINT, OR IS  
24 THAT WRONG?

25 **MS. FABIAN:** I CAN'T CONFIRM THAT IT IS STILL

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1 EXACTLY THAT NUMBER. THERE WERE SOME NUMBER OF MINORS WHO HAD  
2 NOT BEEN MATCHED TO A PARENT'S A-NUMBER.

3 AS DISCUSSED A FEW TIMES THAT IS LIKELY BECAUSE THE  
4 OVER-INCLUSIVE NATURE OF O.R.R.'S ORIGINAL REVIEW AND  
5 IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL CHILDREN OF CLASS MEMBERS MEANS  
6 THOSE PARENTS -- THOSE CHILDREN ARE IN FACT UAC'S. I KNOW  
7 THERE IS 20-SOMETHING THAT ARE CURRENTLY BELIEVED TO BE UAC'S,  
8 BUT HAVEN'T CONFIRMED THAT SO WE HAVEN'T MOVED THEM OUT YET.  
9 SO THERE IS SOME NUMBER THAT HAS NOT BEEN LINKED TO --

10 **THE COURT:** SO THAT NUMBER, THE 37 --

11 IS THAT THE NUMBER, 37?

12 **MR. GELERT:** YES, YOUR HONOR.

13 **THE COURT:** WHAT BUCKET DID YOU PUT THEM IN? ARE  
14 THEY IN THE 1637 OR THE 914?

15 **MS. FABIAN:** THEY WOULD BE IN THE 914, AND LIKELY IN  
16 THE FURTHER REVIEW CATEGORY.

17 **THE COURT:** FURTHER EVALUATION, THE 260 CATEGORY.  
18 260 IS THE NUMBER?

19 **MS. FABIAN:** YES.

20 **THE COURT:** OKAY.

21 **MR. GELERT:** SO WE WOULD JUST ASK FOR YOU TO  
22 CONTINUALLY UPDATE US ON THAT, BECAUSE THAT IS OBVIOUSLY A  
23 CONCERNING BUCKET OF CHILDREN.

24 **MS. FABIAN:** YES.

25 **MR. GELERT:** OKAY.

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1           THEN I JUST WANTED ONE OTHER CLARIFICATION.

2           YOU SAID THAT WE HAD GOTTEN INFORMATION ABOUT THE  
3 20. THE ONE THING I WASN'T SURE ABOUT IS, WERE ALL 20  
4 REUNIFIED WITH THEIR CHILDREN AND REMOVED TOGETHER WITH THEIR  
5 CHILDREN? I DON'T THINK THAT WAS REFLECTED ON THE INFORMATION  
6 WE GOT.

7           **MS. FABIAN:** I DON'T BELIEVE IT WAS REFLECTED THERE,  
8 AND I WOULD HAVE TO CONFIRM.

9           **MR. GELERT:** OKAY. I THINK THAT'S -- WELL, I THINK  
10 THERE WAS ONE OTHER POINT, YOUR HONOR.

11           I THINK WHEN YOU WERE TALKING WITH THE GOVERNMENT  
12 ABOUT WHY SOMEONE HAS NOT BEEN FOUND, FROM OUR UNDERSTANDING  
13 FROM WHEN WE WERE DEALING WITH THE UNDER-FIVES IS THAT  
14 SOMETIMES IF A PARENT HAD BEEN RELEASED THEY LEFT THEIR LAST  
15 KNOWN ADDRESS, BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT  
16 THEM.

17           IS THAT STILL A PART OF THE GROUP WHERE THE  
18 GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT THE PARENT. NOT THAT  
19 THEY NEVER HAD AN ADDRESS OR DIDN'T KNOW WHEN THEY WERE  
20 RELEASED FROM STATE OR FEDERAL CUSTODY, BUT THAT THEY SIMPLY  
21 HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT THEM AFTER THEY WERE RELEASED BY  
22 ICE. PRESUMABLY THAT IS SOME OF THIS GROUP.

23           **MS. FABIAN:** I AM NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND THE  
24 QUESTION.

25           WHAT I CAN SAY IS THAT FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE BEEN

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1 RELEASED WE HAVE THOSE WHO WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH, AND THEN  
2 SOME NUMBER WITH WHOM THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET MADE CONTACT.  
3 AND I AM WORKING ON IDENTIFYING THOSE WITH WHOM WE HAVE NOT  
4 BEEN IN CONTACT AS THE PRIORITY, AND TO GET YOU THEN ANY LAST  
5 KNOWN CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS, BECAUSE THOSE  
6 ARE THE ONES THAT I THINK YOU WERE MOST INTERESTED IN.

7 **MR. GELERNT:** EXACTLY. THOSE ARE THE ONES WHERE THE  
8 NGO'S MAY BE ABLE TO HELP. IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO CONTACT  
9 THEM MAYBE WE KNOW AN AUNT OR SOMEBODY WHO THEN CAN MAKE SURE  
10 AND KNOWS THAT THEIR CELL PHONE HAS BEEN TURNED OFF, SOMETHING  
11 ALONG THOSE LINES.

12 I THINK THAT IS A CATEGORY OF PEOPLE WHO ICE KNOWS  
13 ABOUT THEM, KNOWS THEY WERE RELEASED FROM ICE CUSTODY, BUT  
14 JUST HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THEM IN THE  
15 INTERIOR.

16 **THE COURT:** YES.

17 **MR. GELERNT:** THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

18 **MS. FABIAN:** I DON'T KNOW THE NUMBER OF THAT, BUT I  
19 UNDERSTAND THAT IS A PRIORITY, AND I AM TRYING TO PRIORITIZE  
20 THAT.

21 **THE COURT:** MR. GELERNT, IF I COULD ASK YOU ANOTHER  
22 QUESTION.

23 WE MAY HAVE COUNSEL FROM NEW YORK ON THE PHONE, BUT  
24 THIS IS A ONE-WAY CONVERSATION PRESENTLY.

25 **MR. GELERNT:** RIGHT.

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1           **THE COURT:** SO IF COUNSEL FROM NEW YORK ARE ON THE  
2 LINE, I AM INVITING THEM TO CALL BACK AFTER THIS STATUS  
3 CONFERENCE CONCLUDES AND WE WILL HAVE A SECOND STATUS  
4 CONFERENCE ON THE RECORD.

5           CAN YOU -- I KNOW GOVERNMENT COUNSEL IS READY TO  
6 ADDRESS SOME OF THIS ISSUE, BUT DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION IN  
7 THAT REGARD?

8           **MR. GELERT:** WE DO NOT HAVE ANY MORE INFORMATION  
9 THAN THE GOVERNMENT. I THINK WE PROBABLY HAVE LESS  
10 INFORMATION THAN THE GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE THAT IS A SUIT  
11 BETWEEN THE NEW YORK FOLKS AND THE GOVERNMENT.

12           AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS IT INVOLVES A VERY SMALL  
13 SUBSET OF INDIVIDUALS WHO NEW YORK HAS BEEN REPRESENTING AND  
14 WANTS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT, AND I ASSUME AND HOPEFULLY BE  
15 ABLE TO NEGOTIATE THAT WITH THE GOVERNMENT. BUT I DO NOT HAVE  
16 REAL INFORMATION ABOUT THAT.

17           **THE COURT:** WHAT ABOUT THE STIPULATION THAT COUNSEL  
18 WERE WORKING ON VERY DILIGENTLY AND FOR MANY DAYS THE LAST  
19 WEEK, HAS THAT FALLEN THROUGH OR DO YOU STILL HAVE SOME  
20 OPTIMISM ABOUT THAT?

21           I RECEIVED THE GOVERNMENT'S BRIEFING THIS MORNING  
22 WHICH I HAVE NOT READ BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN IN TRIAL ALL DAY  
23 LONG ON ANOTHER MATTER. SO I READ THE INTRODUCTION, BUT I  
24 HAVEN'T GOTTEN INTO THE ACTUAL POINTS AND AUTHORITIES, WHICH I  
25 WILL DO LATER TONIGHT.

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1           **MR. GELERT:** RIGHT. IT APPEARS THAT THINGS HAVE  
2 FALLEN THROUGH.

3           WHAT I WOULD SAY IS, YOUR HONOR, TALKING TO PEOPLE  
4 ON THE GROUND NOW, AND WE HAVE AN ENORMOUS NUMBER OF  
5 AFFIDAVITS WE ARE READY TO PUT IN FOR REPLY IF YOU WOULD LIKE  
6 THEM. THINGS ARE REALLY A MESS ON THE GROUND, AND WE  
7 ABSOLUTELY NEED AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS TO BE COUNSELING THESE  
8 FAMILIES. THE GOVERNMENT IS PUTTING ROUGHLY 900 PEOPLE IN ONE  
9 DETENTION CENTER AT ONE TIME.

10           **THE COURT:** SO OF THIS 900 THAT IS REFERENCED, A  
11 FINAL ORDER OF REMOVAL, IT IS YOUR VIEW THAT MOST OF THOSE ARE  
12 DETAINED TOGETHER?

13           **MR. GELERT:** OUR UNDERSTANDING -- I DON'T KNOW IF  
14 IT IS GOING TO BE EXACTLY 900 BUT I KNOW IT SEEMS AS THOUGH  
15 SOMEWHERE OVER 700 ARE GOING TO BE PUT IN ONE FACILITY, THE  
16 PARENTS OF CHILDREN DETAINED TOGETHER. AND THERE SIMPLY NO  
17 WAY IN A COUPLE OF DAYS TO PROVIDE MEANINGFUL CONSULTATION.

18           I WOULD ALSO SAY THE GOVERNMENT HAS -- AND THIS MAY  
19 BE SOMETHING WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT AFTER YOU READ THE BRIEF.  
20 I WOULD JUST SAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS PUT IN THEIR VERSION  
21 OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, PUTTING ASIDE WHETHER THAT'S SORT OF  
22 PROPER TO TELL YOU WHAT WAS CONFIDENTIAL, WE DON'T BELIEVE IT  
23 WAS REMOTELY ACCURATE. IT DOES NOT REFLECT WHAT THEY ACTUALLY  
24 AGREED TO. SINCE YOU HAVEN'T READ IT, I WILL PUT THAT ASIDE.

25           I WOULD SAY WE DESPERATELY NEED THOSE SEVEN DAYS.

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1           **THE COURT:** THE INTRODUCTION DOES INDICATE A NUMBER  
2 OF THINGS. BUT WHAT ABOUT THE FACT THAT THERE HAS BEEN A  
3 WEEK, A NUMBER OF THESE FAMILIES HAVE BEEN REUNIFIED. THEY  
4 WOULD HAVE HAD TIME TOGETHER, I WOULD ASSUME, TO TALK ABOUT  
5 THESE IMPORTANT ISSUES, AND TO DO SO WITH THE CHILD  
6 ADVOCATE --

7           **MR. GELERT:** RIGHT.

8           **THE COURT:** -- ADVICE. WOULDN'T THAT BE A LARGE  
9 NUMBER?

10           **MR. GELERT:** YOUR HONOR, WE DON'T ACTUALLY KNOW --  
11 AND MY COLLEAGUE CAN TELL ME, BUT WE DON'T ACTUALLY KNOW, WE  
12 ARE NOT BEING TOLD WHO IS BEING REUNIFIED. SO ONE OF THE  
13 THINGS THAT WE NEED IS THE DAYS RUN FROM THE TIME WE ARE  
14 ACTUALLY NOTIFIED ABOUT REUNIFICATION, BECAUSE THINGS DOWN  
15 THERE ARE A MESS.

16           WHAT WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE LAST CLASS LIST -- I  
17 JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE I HAD THE NUMBER RIGHT -- IS THAT  
18 THERE WERE VERY FEW PEOPLE NOW REUNITED AT KARNES, WHICH IS  
19 THE FACILITY THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO USE, 20 OR 30. SO IT  
20 SEEMS LIKE THE VAST BULK HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN SUFFICIENT TIME.  
21 BUT WE ARE CERTAINLY READY TO WORK WITH YOUR HONOR IF SOME  
22 INDIVIDUAL HAS ALREADY BEEN COUNSELED FOR A FEW DAYS WHETHER  
23 THAT POTENTIALLY EATS INTO THEIR SEVEN DAYS. BUT WE THINK THE  
24 VAST BULK ARE GOING TO END UP AT THIS KARNES FACILITY IN SOUTH  
25 TEXAS ALL AT ONCE, AND IT IS GOING TO BE IMPOSSIBLE.

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1           **THE COURT:** THAT'S THE REMOVAL LOCATION.

2           **MR. GELERNT:** EXACTLY.

3           **THE COURT:** THE GOVERNMENT ALSO INDICATED IN ITS  
4 INTRODUCTION THAT THESE PARENTS NOW HAVE HAD TIME TO TALK WITH  
5 THEIR CHILDREN, IF NOT IN PERSON THEN AT LEAST BY PHONE OR  
6 VIDEO TELECONFERENCING, WHATEVER HAS BEEN IN PLACE. AND  
7 ARGUABLY THEY WOULD HAVE DISCUSSED THESE ISSUES WITH THEIR  
8 CHILDREN, AND THEY COULD HAVE DISCUSSED THESE ISSUES WITH THE  
9 CHILD'S ADVOCATE AS WELL.

10           **MR. GELERNT:** WELL, YOUR HONOR, I THINK THOSE ARE  
11 SOME OF THE THINGS THAT THE AFFIDAVITS ADDRESS. WE SCRAMBLED  
12 LAST NIGHT WHEN THE -- TO GET THE AFFIDAVITS. WE WOULD MAKE A  
13 FEW POINTS ABOUT THAT.

14           ONE IS, WHATEVER ACCESS THEY MAY HAVE HAD TO THEIR  
15 CHILD ON THE PHONE, THEY DID NOT HAVE THAT ACCESS BY PHONE TO  
16 THE CHILD'S ADVOCATE.

17           THE OTHER THING I WOULD SAY IS, THIS IS ONE OF THOSE  
18 THE SITUATIONS -- AND I KNOW THE GOVERNMENT HAS PUT IN AN  
19 AFFIDAVIT FROM THE TOP SAYING, HERE IS WHAT I DIRECTED. IT IS  
20 SHORT OF SPECIFICS, BUT AS YOUR HONOR KNOWS THERE IS A VAST  
21 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN DIRECTED FROM  
22 HEADQUARTERS AND WHAT WAS ACTUALLY HAPPENING ON THE GROUND.

23           THE AFFIDAVITS EXPLAIN THAT PEOPLE HAD MAYBE ONE  
24 SHORT CALL, WHERE IT IS JUST THE CHILD CRYING, CAN'T SEE THE  
25 PARENT. NOTHING COULD GET DONE IN THAT SITUATION.

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1 I THINK THE AFFIDAVITS FROM PARTNERS AND ASSOCIATES  
2 AT BIG LAW FIRMS, NGO'S, ARE ALL DOWN THERE, AND THEY SAY THAT  
3 THE PARENTS HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S HAPPENING. THAT THEY HAVE  
4 SIGNED THESE FORMS, MANY OF THEM -- TO SHOW YOU HOW MUCH  
5 CONFUSION THERE IS. MANY OF THEM ACTUALLY SIGNED THE FORMS  
6 GIVING AWAY THEIR CHILD, EVEN THOUGH THEY DIDN'T HAVE A FINAL  
7 ORDER. THERE WOULD BE NO SENSE IN A PARENT GIVING AWAY THEIR  
8 CHILD IF THE PARENT THEMSELVES CAN STAY IN.

9 THERE ARE GROUP PRESENTATIONS, THE AFFIDAVITS FROM  
10 THE LAW FIRMS SAY. THE PARENTS WERE PUT IN GROUPS OF 50 AND  
11 SAID, HERE ARE YOUR BASIC RIGHTS, YOU HAVE 3 MINUTES TO SIGN  
12 THIS FORM.

13 I THINK YOU ARE GOING TO BE SHOCKED WHEN YOU SEE  
14 THESE AFFIDAVITS HOW LITTLE THE PARENTS UNDERSTOOD BEFORE  
15 GETTING TOGETHER, AND HOW DIFFICULT IT IS GOING TO BE NOW TO  
16 PROVIDE MEANINGFUL CONSULTATION WITH THEM, WITH HUNDREDS AND  
17 HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE SHOWING UP AT THIS DETENTION CENTER.

18 **THE COURT:** HOW MUCH TIME ARE YOU REQUESTING?

19 **MR. GELERT:** RIGHT NOW OUR REQUEST IS SEVEN DAYS.  
20 WHAT WE ARE HEARING ON THE GROUND --

21 **THE COURT:** FOR YOUR BRIEFING.

22 **MR. GELERT:** OH, I AM SORRY, YOUR HONOR. I THINK  
23 IF YOU COULD GIVE US UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING AT 9:00, AND WE  
24 COULD BE BACK HERE IN THE AFTERNOON IF YOUR HONOR WOULD SEE  
25 THAT AS APPROPRIATE.

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1           **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT. PERHAPS I CAN HEAR FROM MR.  
2 STEWART.

3           **MR. STEWART:** THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

4           **THE COURT:** HAVE YOU BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE  
5 NEW YORK ATTORNEYS, OR DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION IN THAT REGARD?

6           **MR. STEWART:** MY COLLEAGUES AND I -- IT IS SORT OF  
7 HARD TO KEEP TRACK OF ALL OF THE COMMUNICATIONS, YOUR HONOR,  
8 BUT I HAVE BEEN ON SOME OF THEM AND TRIED TO BE AS PRIVY AS I  
9 CAN.

10           MY UNDERSTANDING, YOUR HONOR, IS ON THE NEW YORK  
11 CASE --

12           **THE COURT:** EIGHT OR NINE CHILDREN.

13           **MR. STEWART:** EIGHT OR NINE CHILDREN. THE ISSUE  
14 THERE -- THE KEY ISSUE THERE AS I UNDERSTAND IT IS WHETHER  
15 THEY WILL GET THE 48 HOURS' NOTICE PROVIDED BY THE NEW YORK  
16 COURT'S ORDER. WE ARE DOING WHAT WE CAN TO GET -- TO NOT MOVE  
17 THEM BEFORE THAT 48 HOURS LAPSES.

18           **THE COURT:** THOSE CHILDREN ARE STILL THERE.

19           **MR. STEWART:** THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, YOUR HONOR,  
20 YES. FOR THE NINE THAT ARE AT ISSUE IN THE RECENTLY  
21 TRANSFERRED HABEAS CASE.

22           **THE COURT:** AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THERE WAS A REQUEST  
23 IN NEW YORK THAT THERE BE AN ORDERLY PERIOD OF TIME BEFORE  
24 REUNIFICATION, OR TO HAVE THE PARENTS RELOCATED TO NEW YORK.

25           SO IS IT YOUR THOUGHT THAT THOSE EIGHT OR NINE

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1 CHILDREN WOULD BE -- WOULD REMAIN IN NEW YORK, AND THEN  
2 THROUGH THAT PROCESS THAT THE PARENT, ARGUABLY, COULD BE IN  
3 COMMUNICATION, AT LEAST TELEPHONICALLY WITH THE CHILD AND ANY  
4 CHILD ADVOCATE, AND THEN MAKE A DECISION TO REMOVE SEPARATELY  
5 OR TOGETHER OR --

6 **MR. STEWART:** YOUR HONOR, I THINK THERE ARE A COUPLE  
7 OF WAYS IT MIGHT BE DONE. ONE IS THAT -- WE GAVE THE NOTICE  
8 AS OF MONDAY MORNING FOR THESE EIGHT OR NINE ARE WAITING UNTIL  
9 THE 48-PERIOD LAPSES BEFORE MOVING THEM, GIVEN THE DESIRE TO  
10 COMPLY WITH THE REUNIFICATION DEADLINE.

11 ANOTHER OPTION, YOUR HONOR, IS THAT WE COULD GO AND  
12 CONFER WITH COUNSEL FOR THE PLAINTIFFS IN THAT CASE, AND TRY  
13 TO WORK SOMETHING OUT AS TO THE NINE, THAT WOULD JUST GET THAT  
14 SET OF CHILDREN TAKEN CARE OF. SO THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER  
15 OPTION.

16 IT HAS BEEN A SOMEWHAT FAST-MOVING SITUATION AS YOUR  
17 HONOR IS AWARE, SO EITHER OF THOSE OPTIONS WOULD BE FINE.

18 MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT SEVERAL OF THE CHILDREN ARE  
19 FROM THE SAME FAMILY AND ARE GOING TO BE RELEASED IN ANY  
20 EVENT, SO THAT MIGHT SORT OF ASSUAGE CONCERNS THERE.

21 **THE COURT:** AT LEAST INTO THE COMMUNITY?

22 **MR. STEWART:** I BELIEVE SO, YOUR HONOR.

23 **THE COURT:** OKAY. WHY DON'T -- IF NEW YORK COUNSEL  
24 ARE THE LINE WE CAN PERHAPS PUT THEM AT EASE NOW AND SIMPLY --  
25 AND JUDGE RAKOFF HAS TRANSFERRED THAT CASE SO I WAS -- AS TO

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1 JUDGE FURMAN LAST WEEK. SO WITH RESPECT TO THE REUNIFICATION  
2 IN PLACE HERE, LET'S KEEP THE CHILDREN THAT HAVE BEEN  
3 IDENTIFIED IN THE NEW YORK FILING BEFORE JUDGE RAKOFF IN NEW  
4 YORK. THE PARENTS WILL NOT BE RELOCATED TO NEW YORK. I THINK  
5 THAT WAS ONE OF THE REQUESTS, AND THAT WILL NOT OCCUR.

6 BUT WHAT I WOULD LIKE THE PARTIES TO DO IS TO MEET  
7 AND CONFER, AND IT MAY BE THAT THE PARENTS CAN COMMUNICATE  
8 WITH THE CHILDREN TELEPHONICALLY AND COMMUNICATE WITH THE  
9 CHILD ADVOCATE TELEPHONICALLY, MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION. AND  
10 IT MAY BE THAT THIS ISSUE CAN WORK OUT THAT WAY WITHOUT  
11 FURTHER COURT INTERVENTION.

12 THEN, AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, IF NEW YORK COUNSEL ARE  
13 ON THE LINE AND THEY WANT TO CALL IN AS SOON AS THIS  
14 CONFERENCE IS OVER I CAN SPEAK TO THEM DIRECTLY. OTHERWISE  
15 THIS ISSUE, IT MAY WELL WORK OUT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT  
16 THE PROCESS, THE REUNIFICATION AND THE REMOVAL, AT LEAST WITH  
17 RESPECT TO THESE EIGHT OR NINE CHILDREN, WILL BE ON HOLD UNTIL  
18 I HEAR FROM COUNSEL.

19 MR. STEWART, DID YOU WANT TO COMMENT ON THE  
20 STIPULATION THAT WAS IN PLACE BUT APPARENTLY HAS FALLEN  
21 THROUGH AND WHERE WE ARE?

22 **MR. STEWART:** SURE, YOUR HONOR.

23 I GUESS I HAD A FEW POINTS. I DON'T WANT TO JUMP  
24 THE GUN, I KNOW YOUR HONOR WANTS TO FINISH READING THE PAPERS.

25 THE POINTS I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE ARE THESE, YOUR

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1 HONOR. AS YOU WILL SEE FROM THE BRIEF, THE GOVERNMENT HAS A  
2 PRETTY STRONG JURISDICTIONAL OBJECTION TO THE ISSUE HERE THE  
3 GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN SERIOUSLY YOUR HONOR'S RECOGNITION THAT  
4 THIS CASE IS NOT A CHALLENGE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S DISCRETIONARY  
5 REMOVAL AUTHORITY AND ALL OF THAT.

6 DESPITE THOSE CONSIDERABLE, YOU KNOW, CONCERNS AND  
7 RESERVATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT WORKED VERY, VERY HARD, IN LINE  
8 WITH YOUR HONOR'S ENCOURAGEMENT AND ORDERS, TO TRY TO REACH  
9 SOME WAY TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE DESPITE THE PREVIOUS AGREEMENT  
10 TO THE 48-HOUR PERIOD.

11 WE THOUGHT THAT IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO IDENTIFY WHERE  
12 WE ENDED UP FOR THE COURT BECAUSE THE COURT DID ORDER US TO  
13 MEET AND CONFER AND WE JUST WANTED TO BE CLEAR ON OUR GOOD  
14 FAITH AND ALL WE TRIED TO DO AND THE EFFORTS WE MADE WITH THIS  
15 KARNES FACILITY.

16 WHAT I WOULD EMPHASIZE THERE, YOUR HONOR, IS THAT WE  
17 ARE TRYING TO DEDICATE THIS ENTIRE FACILITY TO, YOU KNOW,  
18 RESOLVE THESE CLAIMS AND GIVE PEOPLE ACCESS LET THEM -- YOU  
19 KNOW, WE PUT THAT OUT THERE AS A WAY FOR FOLKS TO GET THE  
20 INFORMATION THEY NEEDED TO MAKE THE DECISIONS THAT PLAINTIFFS  
21 COUNSEL PRESSED THEY NEEDED TO MAKE.

22 I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT SIGNIFICANT  
23 JURISDICTIONAL OBJECTIONS THAT AT ISSUE IN A LOT OF OTHER  
24 CASES, AND WE FIGURED YOUR HONOR WOULD NOT WANT TO  
25 UNNECESSARILY REACH OUT TO RESOLVE THAT ISSUE IF YOU DIDN'T

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1 NEED TO. WE TRIED OUR BEST TO RESOLVE IT. DESPITE THAT WE  
2 JUST WEREN'T ABLE TO, UNFORTUNATELY.

3 SO I WOULD EMPHASIZE THE GOVERNMENT'S GOOD FAITH,  
4 OUR EFFORTS TO PUT AN OFFER THAT ACCOMMODATED ALL CONCERNS. I  
5 WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT POINT AS YOUR HONOR IS KIND OF GOING  
6 THROUGH THE PAPERS.

7 THE SECOND POINT I WOULD EMPHASIZE, YOUR HONOR, IS I  
8 AM DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR THAT MR. GELERNT IS PLANNING TO  
9 SUDDENLY FILE A RAFT OF AFFIDAVITS OR DECLARATIONS. YOU KNOW,  
10 THE GOVERNMENT WAS CAUGHT OFF-GUARD AND QUITE BY SURPRISE WHEN  
11 THIS MOTION WAS FILED ABOUT A WEEK AND A HALF AGO. WE GOT  
12 ALMOST NO NOTICE OF IT.

13 THE OPENING PARAGRAPH ADMITTED THAT THE MOTION WAS  
14 BASED ON RUMORS. THAT IS THE DIRECT WORD FROM THE MOTION.

15 IT WAS BASED ON JUST SUPPOSITION, SO WE HAD TO RUSH  
16 AROUND, FIND OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON. AND NOW I GET A SIGNAL  
17 THAT WE ABOUT TO BE, DESPITE OUR SIGNIFICANT JURISDICTIONAL  
18 OBJECTIONS, OUR DAYS AND NIGHTS OF TRYING TO NEGOTIATE  
19 SOMETHING HERE EFFECTIVELY DESPITE OUR CONCERNS, THAT WE ARE  
20 ABOUT TO THE HIT, BLINDSIDED BY A RAFT OF AFFIDAVITS. I THINK  
21 THAT IS QUITE PROBLEMATIC. I DON'T THINK IT IS IN THE SPIRIT  
22 OF YOUR HONOR'S ORDERS.

23 AND I THINK IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPROPER THAT IT  
24 SOUNDS LIKE MR. GELERNT IS TRYING TO WIDEN THE -- POTENTIALLY  
25 WIDEN THE RELIEF THAT HIS MOTION WAS SEEKING WHICH I ALSO

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1 WOULD SUBMIT IS IMPROPER.

2           AGAIN I DON'T WANT TO GET OUT AHEAD OF THE REPLY,  
3 BUT I WOULD OBJECT TO THE SUBMISSION OF FACTUAL AVERMENTS IN  
4 THE REPLY BRIEF, PARTICULARLY IF THE GOVERNMENT DOESN'T HAVE  
5 AN ABILITY TO RESPOND TO THEM, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE IF THESE ARE  
6 KIND OF ANECDOTAL, I MEAN, WE ARE KIND OF AT A DISADVANTAGE  
7 BECAUSE WE HAVE TO RUSH AROUND AND FIND OUT WHAT PEOPLE ARE  
8 TALKING ABOUT.

9           I WOULD ALSO EMPHASIZE, YOUR HONOR, THAT AS YOU  
10 YOURSELF, YOUR HONOR, POINTED OUT, THERE HAS BEEN QUITE A  
11 NUMBER OF DAYS TO TRY TO RESOLVE THIS, AND JUST GIVE PEOPLE  
12 THE RIGHT NOTICE, GIVE THEM CONSULTATION, ALL OF THAT SORT OF  
13 THING. IT SOUNDS LIKE THOSE EFFORTS -- THINGS HAVE NOT  
14 PROGRESSED ADEQUATELY THERE.

15           SO IN SHORT, YOUR HONOR, WE THE GOVERNMENT WOULD  
16 STICK VERY FIRMLY ON OUR PAPERS. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR EFFORTS  
17 TO WORK IN GOOD FAITH TO TRY TO REACH A STIPULATION SO THAT  
18 THE COURT DID NOT HAVE TO STEP IN AND RESOLVE THIS, DID NOT  
19 HAVE TO STEP IN TO DO MORE INJUNCTIVE RELIEF. AND WE WERE  
20 PARTICULARLY ATTUNED TO THE SERIOUS LEGAL QUESTIONS AND  
21 SERIOUS JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES PRESENTED BY THIS. AND WE  
22 WANTED TO TRY TO RESOLVE THAT BUT, YOU KNOW, IT IS UNFORTUNATE  
23 THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO. WE DID WHAT WE COULD.

24           SO I WOULD EMPHASIZE THOSE POINTS, YOUR HONOR, AND  
25 OTHERWISE I WOULD STICK TO THE BRIEF.

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1           **THE COURT:** LET ME RUN THROUGH A NUMBER OF IDEAS,  
2 THOUGHTS, AND THEN GET COUNSEL'S INPUT AS TO HOW WE MOVE  
3 FORWARD.

4           FIRST, THE OBSERVATION I WOULD MAKE ABOUT THE  
5 REUNIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE CLASS MEMBERS, THAT'S THE 1,637, IT  
6 APPEARS 1,012 HAVE BEEN REUNIFIED. THE BALANCE HAVE BEEN  
7 CLEARED AND TRANSPORTATION IS PENDING.

8           THIS IS A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT, AND COMMANDER  
9 WHITE IS TO BE COMMENDED. HE HAS DONE YEOMAN'S WORK HERE IN  
10 ACCOMPLISHING THAT.

11           SO FOR CLASS MEMBERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE, IT APPEARS  
12 THAT WHEN WE MEET ON THIS ISSUE AGAIN ON FRIDAY THAT  
13 REUNIFICATION WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ON TIME; WHICH HAS TO  
14 BE HIGHLIGHTED AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO BE COMMENDED FOR ITS  
15 EFFORTS IN THAT REGARD.

16           THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT GROUP OF CLASS MEMBERS, ABOUT  
17 914, WHO MAY BE INELIGIBLE. THAT IS A DIFFERENT CATEGORY. I  
18 THINK MANY OF THOSE THE PLAINTIFFS ARE NOT GOING TO QUARREL  
19 WITH THE GOVERNMENT MAKING A DETERMINATION NOT TO REUNIFY,  
20 WHETHER IT IS CRIMINAL HISTORY OR OTHER PRECLUDING FACTORS.  
21 CERTAINLY THERE ARE GOING TO BE SOME OF THOSE CLASS MEMBERS  
22 WHERE THE PLAINTIFFS, WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, WILL  
23 CHALLENGE THAT, AND THEN THE COURT CAN ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES AT  
24 A LATER TIME.

25           THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO

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1 PLAINTIFFS. AND AS I HAVE INDICATED, THIS SHOULD REALLY BE A  
2 TRANSPARENT PROCESS.

3 SOME OF THIS INFORMATION IS UNPLEASANT. IT IS THE  
4 REALITY OF THE CASE. IT IS THE REALITY OF A POLICY THAT WAS  
5 IN PLACE THAT RESULTED IN LARGE NUMBERS OF FAMILIES BEING  
6 SEPARATED WITHOUT FORETHOUGHT AS TO REUNIFICATION AND KEEPING  
7 TRACK OF PEOPLE. AND THAT'S THE FALLOUT WE ARE SEEING.

8 THERE MAY BE 463, THERE MAY BE MORE. THAT'S NOT  
9 CERTAIN, BUT IT APPEARS THERE IS A LARGE NUMBER OF PARENTS WHO  
10 ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR OR WHO MAY HAVE BEEN REMOVED WITHOUT THEIR  
11 CHILD. THAT'S A DEEPLY TROUBLING REALITY OF THE CASE, AND THE  
12 PLAINTIFFS ARE ENTITLED TO THAT INFORMATION.

13 SO THERE HAS TO BE AN ACCOUNTING. AND THE LIST  
14 NEEDS TO IDENTIFY THE PARENTS, IF YOU HAVE THE INFORMATION,  
15 AND WHERE THEY ARE, WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN REMOVED. AND IT  
16 NEEDS TO ALSO INCLUDE THE STATEMENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT  
17 DOESN'T KNOW WHERE THE PARENT IS OR LACKS THAT INFORMATION.  
18 PLAINTIFFS ARE ENTITLED TO THAT INFORMATION SO THAT WE CAN  
19 MORE INTELLIGENTLY DISCUSS, WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE. HOW DO  
20 WE -- FOR THOSE PARENTS WHO WERE REMOVED WITHOUT CHILD. THE  
21 SOONER THE PLAINTIFFS HAVE ALL OF THAT INFORMATION THEY  
22 HOPEFULLY LOCATE THEM AND THEN A REUNIFICATION CAN BE IN  
23 PROCESS DOWN THE ROAD. WE CAN SET A SEPARATE TIMEFRAME THERE.  
24 BUT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO DO ANYTHING WITHOUT THE INFORMATION.

25 SO I WOULD PROPOSE THAT THE LIST FOR CLASS MEMBERS

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1 WHO WAIVE REUNIFICATION PRIOR TO REMOVAL, THAT'S THE 127, BE  
2 PROVIDED BY TOMORROW AT 9:00 A.M.

3 IF I UNDERSTOOD YOU CORRECTLY THAT WOULD BE DO-ABLE,  
4 OR AT LEAST YOU CAN DO IT AS TO SOME, BUT THEN INDICATE THERE  
5 MAY BE OTHERS WHERE YOU NEED MORE TIME.

6 **MS. FABIAN:** SO TO CLARIFY THE 127 LIST WE GAVE  
7 TODAY, THERE IS THE SEPARATE LIST OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE  
8 WAIVED ON THE FORM.

9 **THE COURT:** YES.

10 **MS. FABIAN:** WE HAVE -- AS I -- TO CLARIFY WHAT I  
11 SAID BEFORE, WE ARE IDENTIFYING ALL OF THOSE FORMS. OF THE  
12 ONES WE HAVE IDENTIFIED, 85 WAIVED. THERE ARE STILL -- WE ARE  
13 WORKING THROUGH TO MAKE SURE WE IDENTIFIED ALL OF THOSE FORMS.

14 **THE COURT:** AND I THINK YOU SAID YOU ARE GETTING AN  
15 EMAIL TONIGHT.

16 **MS. FABIAN:** THAT IS A SEPARATE EMAIL. TONIGHT I  
17 WILL HAVE MORE INFORMATION ON THE REMOVAL -- ON THE  
18 INDIVIDUALS REMOVED, THAT'S WHAT I WAS REFERENCING, TONIGHT.

19 AS FAR AS THOSE -- SO WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF  
20 IDENTIFYING ALL OF THE FORMS THAT HAVE BEEN SIGNED, AND THEN  
21 WHICH OF THOSE HAVE WAIVED REUNIFICATION. WE HAVE GONE  
22 THROUGH 400-AND-SOME FORMS AND HAVE IDENTIFIED 85 OF THOSE WHO  
23 WAIVED REUNIFICATION. BUT THERE MAY BE MORE, BUT THAT'S WHERE  
24 WE ARE RIGHT NOW IN THAT PROCESS.

25 **THE COURT:** LET'S DO IT THIS WAY.

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1           THERE IS A LIST THAT IS NEEDED FOR CLASS MEMBERS WHO  
2 HAVE WAIVED REUNIFICATION PRIOR TO REMOVAL. THERE IS A LIST  
3 THAT'S NEEDED OF CLASS MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN REMOVED. AND  
4 THERE IS A LIST THAT IS NEEDED OF CLASS MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN  
5 RELEASED FROM ICE CUSTODY.

6           IT SEEMS TO ME THOSE LISTS SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE  
7 PLAINTIFFS BY TOMORROW, PERHAPS NOON WOULD BE A MORE  
8 APPROPRIATE DEADLINE. AND IT MAY BE THAT THE LISTS ARE NOT  
9 COMPLETE. BUT YOU COULD GIVE THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE, AND  
10 THEN AS TO THE PARENTS, CLASS MEMBERS THAT YOU LACK  
11 INFORMATION YOU CAN IDENTIFY HOW MANY, AND ARTICULATE THE  
12 REASONS, WHAT CATEGORIES THEY MIGHT BE FALLING INTO.

13           AND THEN WHEN WE GET THE STATUS REPORT ON THURSDAY  
14 WE WILL HAVE MORE INFORMATION THAT WE CAN ADDRESS  
15 INTELLIGENTLY ON FRIDAY.

16           SO LET'S DO THAT. THOSE LISTS BY TOMORROW, NOON.

17           THE PLAINTIFFS' REPLY ON THIS JURISDICTIONAL ISSUE  
18 AND TRO REQUEST BY TOMORROW AT -- I WOULD PROPOSE, IF THERE IS  
19 NOT OBJECTION, BY TOMORROW 12:00 O'CLOCK NOON.

20           AND THEN THAT WE ADDRESS THE MATTER FRIDAY AT THE  
21 STATUS CONFERENCE AT 1:30.

22           DOES THE GOVERNMENT OBJECT?

23           **MR. STEWART:** WE CAN GO ON JUST MAINTAINING OUR  
24 JURISDICTIONAL OBJECTION.

25           **THE COURT:** YES.

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1           **MR. STEWART:** WOULD BE FINE FOR YOUR HONOR.  
2 UNDERSTOOD. FINE TO ADDRESS ON FRIDAY.

3           **MR. GELERT:** THAT'S FINE, YOUR HONOR.

4           **THE COURT:** SO FILING BY NOON TOMORROW, THEN WE WILL  
5 ADDRESS THIS ISSUE FRIDAY.

6           **MR. GELERT:** OKAY. THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

7           **THE COURT:** OKAY.

8           HAVE WE ADDRESSED ALL MATTERS? ANY OTHER  
9 HOUSEKEEPING MATTERS.

10          **MR. STEWART:** CAN I FLAG AT LEAST ONE MORE, YOUR  
11 HONOR?

12          **THE COURT:** YES.

13          **MR. STEWART:** AS YOUR HONOR IS AWARE, AND AS WE  
14 DISCUSSED, A NUMBER OF OTHER CASES HAVE ARISEN, IN OBVIOUSLY  
15 IN NEW YORK, AND SOME OF THOSE HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED HERE.

16          **THE COURT:** I AM ONLY AWARE OF TWO, THEY ARE BOTH IN  
17 NEW YORK.

18          **MR. STEWART:** BOTH IN NEW YORK. THERE ARE SOME  
19 INDIVIDUAL CASES, BUT THOSE ARE DIFFERENT -- BUT THOSE HAVE  
20 BEEN RESOLVED, I THINK, PRETTY SPEEDILY, GENERALLY.

21                 THE ONE I WANTED TO FLAG, THOUGH, YOUR HONOR, IS  
22 THAT THERE IS A CASE PENDING IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF  
23 WASHINGTON BEFORE JUDGE PECHMAN.

24          **THE COURT:** YES.

25          **MR. STEWART:** THIS INVOLVES 17 STATES AND THE

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1 DISTRICT OF COLOMBIA WHO FILED A SUIT THAT THEY ALLEGED ON  
2 BEHALF OF THEIR RESIDENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FAMILY  
3 SEPARATION POLICY.

4 I RAISE IT SORT OF FOR -- WITHOUT GETTING AHEAD OF  
5 THINGS TOO MUCH, YOUR HONOR. THE GOVERNMENT -- THE PLAINTIFFS  
6 IN THAT CASE SOUGHT EXPEDITED DISCOVERY ABOUT THE POLICY AND  
7 THAT SORT OF THING. THE GOVERNMENT FILED A FAST MOTION THAT  
8 SOUGHT TRANSFER TO THIS COURT, AND KIND OF OTHER THINGS ON  
9 JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES.

10 JUDGE PECHMAN IN THAT CASE HAS ORDERED EXPEDITED  
11 DISCOVERY WITHOUT RULING ON THE TRANSFER PIECE YET, BUT -- SO  
12 THE TRANSFER PIECE IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. BUT THERE IS  
13 A HEARING BEFORE JUDGE PECHMAN THIS FRIDAY ON THE EXPEDITED  
14 DISCOVERY SCOPE AND SCHEDULE AND PRESUMABLY THOSE SORTS OF  
15 THINGS.

16 **THE COURT:** YES.

17 **MR. STEWART:** I AM GUESSING.

18 I WANTED TO FLAG IT FOR YOUR HONOR BECAUSE THE  
19 GOVERNMENT'S VIEW IS THAT THAT CASE -- THE CLAIMS  
20 OVERWHELMINGLY OVERLAP WITH THIS ONE OR WITH OTHER LITIGATION.  
21 IT IS PROPERLY TRANSFERRED TO THIS COURT FOR JUST THE REASONS  
22 ARTICULATED BY JUDGE FURMAN IN HIS TRANSFER ORDER, AMONG  
23 OTHERS.

24 IT DOESN'T LOOK -- IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT THAT  
25 TRANSFER WILL HAPPEN, AND I WANTED TO JUST FLAG IT BECAUSE OF

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1 CONCERNS THAT IF WE DO END UP WITH A SITUATION OF EXPEDITED  
2 DIFFICULT DISCOVERY THERE IT WILL, UNFORTUNATELY, POTENTIALLY  
3 OVERLAP WITH EFFORT HERE.

4 AND I DON'T RAISE IT TO KIND OF IDENTIFY A PROBLEM  
5 MORE JUST WE ARE GOING TO LOOK FOR SOLUTIONS AND TRY TO DEAL  
6 WITH IT. BUT I JUST WANTED TO FLAG IT FOR YOUR HONOR SO YOU  
7 KNOW OF IT AND YOU ARE NOT CAUGHT OFF-GUARD. AND WE ARE  
8 WORKING AS BEST WE CAN. WE TRIED TO GET IT TRANSFERRED HERE,  
9 WE ARE NOT SURE WE ARE GOING TO SUCCEED. BUT WE ARE PREPARED  
10 TO, YOU KNOW, WE ARE TRYING TO WORK WITH THAT ISSUE.

11 BUT I WANTED TO FLAG IT JUST BECAUSE THE MORE  
12 RESOURCES WE HAVE TO DEVOTE TO EXPEDITED DISCOVERY  
13 UNFORTUNATELY MANY OF THOSE FOLKS WILL I THINK BE PEOPLE WHO  
14 ARE WORKING ON REUNIFICATION, SO WE ARE TRYING TO DEAL WITH  
15 IT. BUT I DID WANT TO RAISE THAT CASE FOR YOUR HONOR BEFORE  
16 JUDGE PECHMAN.

17 **THE COURT:** YES. THANK YOU FOR MENTIONING THAT.

18 BUT OF THE ELIGIBLE CLASS MEMBERS IT APPEARS THAT'S  
19 ALL UNDERWAY AND REUNIFICATION SHOULD OCCUR BY THURSDAY.

20 **MR. STEWART:** I DON'T THINK THE CASE WILL AFFECT THE  
21 STUFF YOU HAVE BEEN FOCUSING ON, YOUR HONOR. I FLAG IT AS A  
22 CONSIDERATION AS WE ARE, YOU KNOW, CONTINUING TO BEAR DOWN TO  
23 COMPLETE THE REST OF THE REUNIFICATION.

24 **THE COURT:** YES. ALL I CAN SAY THERE IS ON THE NEW  
25 YORK CASES, BOTH JUDGES FURMAN AND RAKOFF, WITH THE PARTIES

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1 CONSENT, CALLED ME. AND SO THEY TOOK THAT INITIATIVE, AND  
2 THEN THEREAFTER THEY MADE THEIR OWN CONSIDERED JUDGMENT TO  
3 TRANSFER THE CASES HERE.

4 I HAVE NOT HEARD FROM JUDGE PECHMAN, AND OF COURSE,  
5 SHE IS GOING TO DO WHAT SHE CONSIDERS TO BE THE RIGHT DECISION  
6 IN HIS CASE, SO I WOULD NOT HAVE ANY COMMENT OR OBSERVATION  
7 OTHER THAN TO THANK COUNSEL FOR LETTING ME KNOW.

8 AND WE WILL STAND BY, AND AS I INDICATED TO JUDGES  
9 FURMAN AND RADKOFF, WE ARE HERE AND READY TO TEND TO THE NEW  
10 YORK CASE AS THE LAWYERS DEEM APPROPRIATE.

11 LET'S CLOSE THIS HEARING. AND THEN I AM GOING TO  
12 ASK COUNSEL JUST TO STAND BY FOR A MOMENT. I DON'T KNOW IF  
13 NEW YORK COUNSEL WILL CALL IN OR NOT, BUT I WANTED TO GIVE  
14 THEM THE COURTESY TO DO THAT IF THAT'S WHAT THEY WANT TO DO.  
15 THEY MAY ELECT NOT TO. THEY MAY NOT BE ON THE LINE, I DON'T  
16 KNOW. I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER INFORMATION, OTHER THAN I SPOKE  
17 WITH JUDGE RADKOFF LATE THIS AFTERNOON, I THINK IT WAS  
18 ABOUT -- WELL, IT WAS DURING THE RECESS WHEN I WAS IN TRIAL.  
19 AND SO HE GAVE ME THE UPDATE, BUT I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING  
20 ELSE THAT HE HAS TRANSFERRED THE CASE.

21 **MR. STEWART:** CAN I MAKE JUST ONE OR LIKE A  
22 TWO-SENTENCE CLOSING OBSERVATION ON ONE OTHER PIECE OF THE  
23 STAY MOTION?

24 **THE COURT:** YES.

25 **MR. STEWART:** OBVIOUSLY THERE IS GOING TO BE FURTHER

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1 BRIEFING AND ARGUMENT AND I CAN ADDRESS -- HOPEFULLY ADDRESS  
2 THIS FURTHER ON FRIDAY, YOUR HONOR. BUT THE GOVERNMENT ALSO  
3 WOULD TAKE ISSUE WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT THINGS ARE A MESS ON  
4 THE GROUND. AS COMMANDER WHITE HAS EXPLAINED THERE HAS  
5 BEEN -- AND AS YOUR HONOR HAS RECOGNIZED, THERE HAS BEEN  
6 TREMENDOUS EFFORT TO REUNIFY CONSISTENT WITH THIS COURT'S DUE  
7 PROCESS REUNIFICATION FAMILY INTEGRITY RULING. WE HAVE MANY  
8 REASONS TO BE VERY PROUD OF THIS EFFORT SO WE STRONGLY CONTEST  
9 THAT CHARACTERIZATION AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
10 PRESENT FURTHER VIEWS ON THAT.

11 **THE COURT:** I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO THE ADDITIONAL  
12 BRIEFING. AND I THINK THE STATUS REPORT ON THURSDAY WILL BE  
13 GOOD BECAUSE WE WILL HAVE A LOT OF OTHER ADDITIONAL  
14 INFORMATION. AND THEN FRIDAY, OF COURSE, WE CAN TAKE  
15 INVENTORY ON WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED AT THE REUNIFICATION OF  
16 ELIGIBLE CLASS MEMBERS, AND THEN ADDRESS THE JURISDICTIONAL  
17 ISSUE.

18 **MS. FABIAN:** YOUR HONOR, I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU  
19 KNOW AS WELL ON FRIDAY I WILL BE APPEARING IN COURT IN LOS  
20 ANGELES SO I AM GOING TO TRY TO PARTICIPATE BY PHONE HERE IN  
21 THE AFTERNOON.

22 **THE COURT:** MR. STEWART, YOU WILL BE HERE?

23 **MR. STEWART:** I WILL BE HERE, YOUR HONOR.

24 **THE COURT:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25 **MR. STEWART:** THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

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1 (PAUSE IN PROCEEDINGS)

2 THE COURT: OKAY. WE DON'T HAVE A CASE NUMBER OR A  
3 CASE YET. I HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY JUDGE RAKOFF THAT THE  
4 NEW YORK CASE WAS TRANSFERRED.

5 WE HAVE GOVERNMENT COUNSEL PRESENT AND PLAINTIFFS'  
6 COUNSEL PRESENT.

7 AND I NOW UNDERSTAND WE HAVE NEW YORK COUNSEL ON THE  
8 LINE, FROM LEGAL AID, REPRESENTING THE CHILDREN IN THAT CASE.

9 I HOPE YOU CAN HEAR ME.

10 CAN YOU STATE YOUR APPEARANCES?

11 MR. GELERT: CERTAINLY, YOUR HONOR. THIS IS JUDITH  
12 GOLDINER FROM THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY IN NEW YORK. AND I AM  
13 JOINED HERE -- WITH ME IS SARAH GILLMAN, GREGORY COPELAND, AND  
14 BETH KRAUSE ALSO FROM NEW YORK CITY.

15 I KNOW WE HAVE OUR PRO BONO --

16 MR. FRAHN: YOUR HONOR, THIS IS BUZZ FRAHN OF  
17 SIMPSON THATCHER, PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA, ON THE LINE AS WELL.

18 THE COURT: VERY GOOD. THANK YOU.

19 WERE COUNSEL ON THE LINE FOR THE LAST STATUS  
20 CONFERENCE?

21 MS. GOLDINER: YES, WE ARE WERE, YOUR HONOR.

22 THE COURT: YOU HEARD THE DISCUSSION, THEN, THAT I  
23 HAD WITH COUNSEL.

24 SO, MS. GOLDINER WHAT -- I AM ALL EARS. I WOULD  
25 LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU AND GET YOUR PERSPECTIVE.

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1           **MS. GOLDINER:** THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

2           SO I GUESS I WANT TO START BY SAYING OUR CONCERN  
3           HERE IS THAT OUR CLIENTS DON'T HAVE INFORMATION THEY NEED TO  
4           MAKE MEANINGFUL PLANS, AND THEY HAVEN'T HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
5           TALK TO THEIR PARENTS ABOUT THOSE PLANS OR THERE PARENTS TO  
6           THEIR COUNSEL, TO THE CHILDREN'S COUNSEL.

7           SO, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE ARE SEEING IS KIDS WHO VERY  
8           MUCH WOULD LIKE TO BE WITH THEIR PARENTS BUT THEY DON'T WANT  
9           TO BE IN LONG FAMILY DETENTION. WHAT THEY DON'T KNOW, AND  
10          WHAT THE GOVERNMENT HASN'T GIVEN US NOTICE OF, IS WHETHER THE  
11          PLAN FOR THE FAMILIES IS POTENTIALLY DEPORTATION OR FAMILY  
12          DETENTION WHILE OTHER RELEASE IS BEING WORKED OUT.

13          SO THAT'S BEEN THE PROBLEM. AND THAT'S SPECIFICALLY  
14          THE PROBLEM FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WE FILED FOR TODAY. SO  
15          WHAT WE WERE HOPING FOR WAS -- AS YOU KNOW FROM OUR PREVIOUS  
16          FILING WAS THAT THE NOTIFICATIONS WE WOULD GET WOULD GIVE US  
17          BOTH THE INFORMATION ON WHAT THE ACTUALLY PLAN WAS --

18          **THE COURT:** I AM SORRY, SOMEBODY IS TYPING AND SO IT  
19          IS ACTUALLY INTERRUPTING MS. GOLDINER'S PRESENTATION.

20          CAN YOU GIVE ME THAT LAST SENTENCE AGAIN?

21          **MS. GOLDINER:** I AM SORRY.

22          THE REASON WE WANTED THE NOTIFICATION WAS REALLY  
23          TWOFOOLD. ONE WAS TO GET INFORMATION ON EXACTLY WHAT THE PLAN  
24          WAS FOR THE KIDS SO THAT WE COULD ADVISE THEM. AND SECOND SO  
25          THAT WE WOULD ALSO HAVE A WAY OF CONTACTING THEIR PARENTS AND

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1 GETTING THEIR PARENTS' INPUT INTO WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN.

2 SO OF THE FIVE PARENTS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THE KIDS  
3 THAT WE FILED FOR, THREE OF THEM WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO TALK  
4 TO. AND THEIR CHILDREN HAVE NOT HAD ANY MEANINGFUL  
5 OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO THEM ABOUT WHAT THE PLANS ARE.

6 AND EVEN WERE THEY ABLE TO TALK TO THEIR PARENTS,  
7 WITHOUT KNOWING WHETHER THEY ARE GOING TO BE DEPORTED OR  
8 WHETHER THEY ARE GOING TO BE IN FAMILY DETENTION IS IMPORTANT  
9 TO OUR KIDS TO KNOW WHETHER -- THAT IS SOMETHING THAT THEY  
10 WANT OR WHETHER THEY WANT TO STAY AND PURSUE THE REMEDIES THEY  
11 MIGHT HAVE.

12 **THE COURT:** OKAY.

13 LET ME ASK MR. STEWART. DO WE KNOW WHO THE FIVE  
14 PARENTS ARE?

15 AND, MS. GOLDINER, DO YOU KNOW WHO THE FIVE PARENTS  
16 ARE? DO YOU HAVE THAT INFORMATION?

17 **MS. GOLDINER:** WE KNOW WHO THEY ARE, WE HAVE NOT  
18 BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT THEM.

19 **THE COURT:** SO I AM JUST SPEAKING PRACTICALLY. IF  
20 YOU KNOW WHO THEY ARE, IT SEEMS THAT YOU COULD -- IT MAY BE  
21 THAT GOVERNMENT COUNSEL IN NEW YORK KNOWS WHO THEY ARE AS  
22 WELL, BUT I HAVE, OBVIOUSLY, GOVERNMENT COUNSEL HERE IN SAN  
23 DIEGO, MS. FABIAN AND MR. STEWART.

24 IT MAY BE THAT IF THE INFORMATION IS SHARED WITH  
25 THEM AS TO WHO THE PARENTS ARE, THEN THIS CAN WORK OUT

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1 INFORMALLY AND RELATIVELY EASILY WHERE THOSE PARENTS ARE NOT  
2 REMOVED, THE CHILDREN CAN REMAIN IN NEW YORK. THERE COULD BE  
3 AN OPPORTUNITY WHERE PARENT AND CHILD COMMUNICATE AT LEAST  
4 TELEPHONICALLY, PARENT AND CHILD ADVOCATE COMMUNICATE,  
5 INFORMED DECISIONS ARE MADE. AM I CORRECT?

6 I AM ASKING MS. FABIAN NOW.

7 **MS. FABIAN:** LET ME STAND UP STRAIGHT WHILE I DO  
8 THIS.

9 AND, YOU KNOW, IF I HAVE MISSED CONVERSATIONS I  
10 APOLOGIZE. I DON'T WANT TO MISREPRESENT ANYTHING. MY  
11 UNDERSTANDING IS -- I AM NOT AWARE IF WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT  
12 THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES IN THE COMMUNICATION. I THINK  
13 FACILITATING COMMUNICATION IS SOMETHING WE CAN DO.

14 WE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, GAVE NOTIFICATION OVER THE  
15 WEEKEND. WE HAVE NONETHELESS HELD TO ENSURE THAT THERE WERE  
16 48 HOURS THAT WERE NOT ON THE WEEKEND ARRANGED FOR THE  
17 REUNIFICATIONS TO HAPPEN TOMORROW. AND, YOU KNOW, BASED ON  
18 THE COURT'S EARLIER STATEMENT CAN HOLD THAT OFF FURTHER. BUT  
19 WE HAVE MADE ATTEMPTS TO PROVIDE ENOUGH TIME TO ALLOW THOSE  
20 COMMUNICATIONS. SO IF THOSE HAVEN'T HAPPENED I AM NOT AWARE  
21 WHY THAT IS, BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY LOOK INTO ARRANGING THOSE.

22 MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WE HAVE ALSO GIVEN  
23 INFORMATION AS TO THE CURRENT INTENTION WITH REGARD TO THE  
24 FAMILY, WHICH IS I THINK FOR AT LEAST ONE FAMILY WHICH IS --  
25 HAS MULTIPLE CHILDREN THAT THE CURRENT INTENTION IS THAT THEY

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1 WOULD BE RELEASED UPON REUNIFICATION. I AM NOT -- SO I AM NOT  
2 SURE IF THE REMAINDER WOULD BE HELD TOGETHER IN FAMILY  
3 DETENTION. I BELIEVE THAT IS THE CURRENT PLAN AS WE  
4 INDICATED, HOWEVER THAT IS THE CURRENT PLAN. THINGS CAN  
5 CHANGE AS NEW INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

6 SO AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THAT WAS PART OF THE CONCERN  
7 IS THAT WE CAN'T 100 PERCENT COMMIT AS TO THE SITUATION THAT  
8 WILL BE DOWN THE LINE BUT THAT WE HAVE PROVIDED INFORMATION AS  
9 TO OUR CURRENT UNDERSTANDING FROM ICE OF WHAT THE FAMILY  
10 SITUATION WOULD BE.

11 **THE COURT:** IT SEEMS THAT THIS IS A MATTER WITH A  
12 VERY PRACTICAL SOLUTION. AND SO PARTICULARLY SINCE, GIVEN THE  
13 COURT'S ORDERS TODAY, THAT THE PARENTS WILL NOT BE REMOVED,  
14 THE CHILDREN WILL NOT BE MOVED FROM NEW YORK PENDING WORKING  
15 THIS OUT, THAT THE PARTIES CAN MEET AND CONFER. AND IT SEEMS  
16 LIKE THIS ISSUE, WITH COMMUNICATION, THERE CAN BE A MEANINGFUL  
17 OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENT AND CHILD, PARENT AND CHILD ADVOCATE,  
18 TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES, PERHAPS TELEPHONICALLY, BUT TO AT LEAST  
19 ADDRESS THE ISSUES. AND SO IT WOULD SEEM THAT THIS WHOLE AREA  
20 COULD BE ADDRESSED THROUGH A JOINT MOTION AND ORDER.

21 DON'T YOU AGREE, MS. GOLDINER?

22 **MS. GOLDINER:** YES, YOUR HONOR.

23 I DO WANT TO ADD, THOUGH, THAT WE STILL -- TO BE  
24 ABLE TO APPROPRIATELY COUNSEL OUR CLIENTS, THE CHILDREN, AND  
25 TALK TO THEIR PARENTS ABOUT WHAT THE OPTIONS ARE, WE NEED TO

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1 KNOW THE ANSWER TO WHETHER IT IS REUNIFICATION AND DEPORTATION  
2 OR REUNIFICATION AND BEING HELD IN FAMILY DETENTION.

3 AND THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO OUR CLIENTS. AND I  
4 THINK THE GOVERNMENT KNOWS THE ANSWER TO THAT. NOT A LOT OF  
5 CHILDREN, AND I WOULD HOPE THEY COULD PROVIDE THAT TO US. I  
6 HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH CONFERRING WITH THEM, BUT I WOULD LIKE  
7 TO -- WE NEED TO KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT.

8 **THE COURT:** I THINK THE GOVERNMENT, AS SOON AS YOU  
9 KNOW WHO THE PARENTS ARE, YOU CAN INFORM PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL,  
10 WHETHER IT IS REUNIFY AND DEPORT, OR REUNIFY AND DETAIN  
11 TOGETHER, OR PAROLE IN COUNTRY.

12 **MS. FABIAN:** I THINK -- I THINK MY UNDERSTANDING IS  
13 THAT WE HAVE MADE THAT AND THAT'S -- WE HAVE INDICATED THAT --  
14 THE CURRENT PLAN.

15 I THINK THERE IS -- OUR POSITION WOULD BE THAT WE  
16 CAN'T -- INCONSISTENT WITH THIS COURT'S ORDERS IS WE CAN'T  
17 GUARANTEE A CERTAIN RESULT OR A CERTAIN OUTCOME FOR THAT  
18 INFORMATION THAT CAME UP THAT CHANGED THE -- WHAT -- FOR  
19 EXAMPLE SOMEONE OBTAINING AN EXECUTABLE FINAL ORDER MIGHT  
20 CHANGE THE PLANS WITH REGARD TO DETENTION OR REMOVAL, ET  
21 CETERA.

22 SO I THINK AS THINGS CHANGE, THE AGENCY RETAINS ITS  
23 AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON THE SITUATION WITH THE  
24 FAMILY. AND THAT'S WHY WE SAY WE HAVE GIVEN THE CURRENT  
25 INFORMATION BUT CANNOT COMMIT THAT THAT INFORMATION WON'T

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1 CHANGE AS THE PROCESS MOVES FORWARD.

2 **THE COURT:** RIGHT. I WOULD ASSUME, FOR EXAMPLE,  
3 THAT THE ONE PLAN MIGHT BE TO REUNIFY AND DETAIN TOGETHER, OR  
4 REUNIFY AND PAROLE INTO THE COMMUNITY, BUT THAT COULD CHANGE  
5 AS THE PARENT AND/OR CHILD MIGHT LATER BECOME SUBJECT TO A  
6 REMOVAL ORDER DOWN THE ROAD.

7 **MS. FABIAN:** CORRECT. I THINK -- I MEAN, I THINK TO  
8 SOME EXTENT WE WOULD SAY THAT PROVIDING THAT INFORMATION IS A  
9 COURTESY THAT WE HAVE BEEN WILLING TO DO TO FACILITATE THE  
10 DECISION-MAKING BY THIS GROUP. IT IS NOT NECESSARILY  
11 INFORMATION THAT EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO -- THAT WE WOULD  
12 AGREE EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO, BUT WE HAVE MADE AN EFFORT TO  
13 PROVIDE THE INFORMATION THAT IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. I WOULD  
14 AGREE, WE CAN'T COMMIT THAT THINGS WON'T CHANGE.

15 **THE COURT:** WHAT IF THE PARTIES HERE -- THAT WOULD  
16 BE GOVERNMENT COUNSEL AND MS. GOLDINER AND OTHER PLAINTIFFS'  
17 COUNSEL -- MEET AND CONFER. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT THIS COULD  
18 BE A MATTER WHERE YOU COULD REPORT TOMORROW, BY JOINT MOTION  
19 AND ORDER. OR IF THERE IS A NEED FOR THE COURT TO BECOME  
20 INVOLVED OTHERWISE, THEN WE CAN ARRANGE FOR AN IMMEDIATE  
21 TELEPHONIC CONFERENCE AND ARGUMENT SUBJECT TO BRIEFING.

22 **MS. GOLDINER:** WE ARE HAPPY TO MEET AND CONFER.

23 **MR. STEWART:** CAN I ALSO ADD THE POSSIBILITY, YOUR  
24 HONOR, THAT MAYBE NOT EVEN AN ORDER BUT IF WE COULD COME TO A  
25 MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND ALERT THE COURT TO IT?

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1           **THE COURT:** YOU CAN JUST ALERT THE COURT, EXACTLY.

2           **MR. STEWART:** VERY GOOD.

3           THE OTHER THING I MENTIONED -- YOUR HONOR, YOU  
4 MENTIONED, I THINK YOU USED THE WORD STAY OR NOT REMOVING. I  
5 THINK WHAT YOU WERE SAYING WAS JUST PUT A PAUSE AS TO THESE  
6 FEW PARENTS. DON'T RELOCATE THEM TO NEW YORK UNTIL WE FIGURE  
7 OUT THIS SMALL COHORT OF EIGHT OR NINE.

8           **THE COURT:** YES. THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT.

9           **MR. STEWART:** THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. I THINK WE  
10 WILL WORK WITH THAT.

11           **THE COURT:** MR. STEWART, YOU HAVE ALL OF THE CONTACT  
12 INFORMATION FOR MS. GOLDINER AND PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL?

13           **MR. STEWART:** I BELIEVE SO. I CERTAINLY HAVE A GOOD  
14 COHORT OF HER COLLEAGUES, YOUR HONOR, SO WE WILL BE IN TOUCH.

15           **THE COURT:** OKAY.

16           MR. GELERNT HAS BEEN SITTING VERY QUIETLY. THIS IS  
17 NOT YOUR CASE, BUT IS THERE ANY COMMENT OR OBSERVATION,  
18 CONCERNS?

19           **MR. GELERNT:** NO, YOUR HONOR. I THINK WE WILL LET  
20 THEM WORK IT OUT TOGETHER.

21           **THE COURT:** OKAY. I THINK WE WILL SIGN OFF.

22           AND I WILL ASK COUNSEL TO MEET AND CONFER RIGHT  
23 AWAY, AND I WILL WAIT TO HEAR FROM COUNSEL. OKAY. THANK YOU.

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