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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 SALEM BAQALAQL,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 UR M. JADDOU, Director of U.S.
12 Citizenship and Immigration Services;
13 DANIELLE LEHMAN, Director of
14 San Francisco Asylum Office;
15 ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS,
16 Secretary of the Department of
17 Homeland Security; and UNITED
18 STATES OF AMERICA,

19 Defendants.

C24-1496 TSZ

MINUTE ORDER

20 THIS MATTER comes before the Court upon a complaint for relief pursuant to
21 the Administrative Procedure Act. Having reviewed the complaint in this matter, the
22 Court concludes that this proceeding is exempt from the initial disclosure requirements of
23 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1)(A) and the initial conference requirements of
Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f). *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(B)(i).

To facilitate entry of an appropriate scheduling order in this matter, and pursuant
to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16 and Local Civil Rule 16, counsel are directed to

1 confer and to file a JOINT STATUS REPORT by November 25, 2024. The conference
2 among counsel shall be by direct and personal communication, whether via face-to-face
3 meeting or telephonic conference. The Joint Status Report must contain the following
4 information by corresponding paragraph numbers:

5 1. A concise statement of the positions of the parties concerning the relief
6 requested in the complaint.

7 2. A summary of the procedural posture of the case and/or the status of the
8 proceedings before the federal agency at issue, including whether final agency action has
9 occurred or is expected to occur in the near future.

10 3. A proposed deadline for filing of the administrative record.

11 4. A proposed deadline for filing of dispositive motions.

12 5. An indication whether trial will be required in this matter and, if so, an
13 indication (i) when the matter will be ready for trial; (ii) whether such trial will be jury or
14 non-jury; and (iii) how long such trial is anticipated to take.

15 6. An indication whether the parties agree that a full-time Magistrate Judge
16 may conduct all proceedings, including trial and the entry of judgment, under 28 U.S.C.
17 § 636(c) and Local Rule MJR 13. The Magistrate Judge who will be assigned the case is
18 the Honorable S. Kate Vaughan. Agreement in the Joint Status Report will constitute the
19 parties' consent to referral of the case to the assigned Magistrate Judge.

20 7. An indication whether any party wishes a scheduling conference before a
21 scheduling order is entered in this case. If the parties are unable to agree on any part of
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1 the Joint Status Report, they may answer in separate paragraphs. **No separate reports**
2 **are to be filed.**

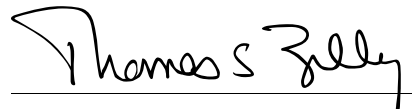
3 The time for filing the Joint Status Report may be extended only by court order.
4 Any request for extension should be made by telephone to chambers. If the parties wish
5 to have a status conference with the Court at any time during the pendency of this action,
6 they should contact chambers. Finally, if this matter is resolved by further agency action
7 or settled, the parties shall immediately notify chambers. Chambers may be reached at
8 206-370-8830.

9 This Minute Order is issued at the outset of the case, and a copy is sent by the
10 Clerk to counsel for plaintiff and any defendants who have appeared. Plaintiff's counsel
11 is directed to serve copies of this Minute Order on all parties who appear after this
12 Minute Order is filed, within fourteen (14) days of receipt of service of each appearance.
13 Plaintiff's counsel will be responsible for starting the communications needed to comply
14 with this Minute Order.

15 Failure by any party to fully comply with this Minute Order may result in the
16 imposition of sanctions, including dismissal of the case.

17 IT IS SO ORDERED.

18 Dated this 24th day of September, 2024.

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21 Thomas S. Zilly
22 United States District Judge
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