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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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11 ALPEREN TEZCAN,

12 Petitioner,

13 v.

14 KRISTI NOEM, Secretary of the
15 Department of Homeland Security, *et*
16 *al.*,

17 Respondents.

Case No.: 26-cv-00077-JLS-VET

JOINT STATUS REPORT

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19 The parties, Petitioner, by and through counsel, Jessica Agatstein, and Respondents,
20 by and through their counsel, Adam Gordon, United States Attorney, and Tom Merritt,
21 Assistant United States Attorney, respectfully submit this Joint Status Report, confirming
22 Petitioner's release from custody.

23 Petitioner was released from custody on January 27, 2026.

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25 DATED: January 29, 2026

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s/ Tom Merritt
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SIGNATURE CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 2(f)(4) of the Electronic Case Filing Administrative Policies and Procedures of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, I hereby certify that the content of this document is acceptable to Petitioner, and that I have obtained authorization to affix Ms. Agatstein’s electronic signature to this document.

DATED: January 29, 2026

s/ Tom Merritt
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