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Via ECF:

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The Honorable John R. Tunheim
U.S. District Judge, District of Minnesota
United States District Court
300 South Fourth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415

RE: *Escalon Ortega v. Olson, et al.*, 0:26-cv-00080-JRT-DJF

Dear Judge Tunheim:

I write once again to update the Court as required by Your Honor's January 23rd Order and my January 26th letter. ICE has informed me that Petitioner was returned to Minnesota and released yesterday evening. I have conferred with Petitioner's counsel, who confirmed that Petitioner's family reported he has been released from custody.

Federal Respondents intend to oppose Petitioner's motion for sanctions, ECF No. 16, within the seven-day deadline under Local Rule 7.1(b)(2), unless the Court orders otherwise.

Please let me know if the Court needs any further information from Federal Respondents.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lucas B. Draisey

Assistant U.S. Attorney

Cc: counsel of record, via ECF