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Via Electronic Mail

The Honorable Jill A. Otake
United States District Court
300 Ala Moana Boulevard
Honolulu, Hawaii 96850

Re: *Viktor Mazeliah v. Smith, et al.*
Case No. CV26-00053 JAO-WRP

Dear Judge Otake:

I am writing to update you on my efforts to clarify what issues are pending before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) as to Mr. Mazeliah. I reached out to a contact (Attorney Advisor) with the BIA who informed me that the parties could submit a written inquiry with the BIA, through this contact, to request a written confirmation as to what issues are being currently being considered by the BIA.

My contact informed me that he was unsure if the BIA would provide a written response, and if so, when such a response would be made. If the Court is agreeable to this option, the parties could submit a joint letter to the BIA and ask that the BIA respond by a mutually agreeable date.

Please note that I have discussed this information with Mr. Cosio.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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