

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
FORT MYERS DIVISION

CARLOS AGUSTIN OTERO NOVOA,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY, U.S. DEPARTMENT
OF HOMELAND SECURITY, et al. (all
official capacity),

Respondents.

Case No. 2:26-cv-753-SPC-NPM

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Status Report

The Federal Respondents offer the following status report. (Doc. 5). Since the Federal Respondents' Habeas Response, Petitioner's counsel has continued working with ERO to facilitate Petitioner's return to the United States. Significant progress has been made by both sides.

On Thursday (March 26), a DO was assigned to facilitate Petitioner's return. (Ex. 1 at 2). On Friday (March 27), the DO contacted Petitioner's counsel to provide notice of the assignment to work on a parole application for Petitioner. The DO sent Petitioner's counsel a request for information to process the parole authorization. He also explained the process will be time consuming given the number of levels of authorization and review that the application will need to pass through. Petitioner's counsel began working to collect the necessary information for the application.

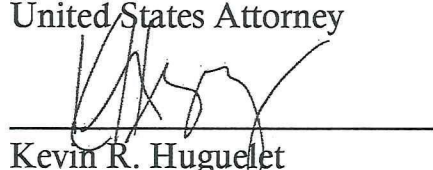
Today, ERO was again in communication with Petitioner's counsel regarding the application. Specifically, counsel provided the necessary information to begin facilitating return. (Ex. 1 at 2). So the DO completed and submitted the form needed to request formal parole authorization. (Ex. 1 at 2). Now, ERO's local management will review the request before elevating it to ICE's headquarters for vetting and clearance. (Ex. 1 at 2).

At this time, the USAO has no further update to offer about the status of Petitioner's return. Yet the record indicates that both parties are working diligently to facilitate it. The USAO will continue providing the Court with notice of significant developments. Otherwise, the Federal Respondents ask the Court to allow them additional time to continue the process of facilitating Petitioner's return.

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Respectfully submitted,

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