1 2 3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 4 EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 5 JAMES ELMER MITCHELL and 6 JOHN JESSEN, 7 Petitioners, No. 16-MC-0036-JLQ 8 ORDER RE: MOTION TO EXPEDITE VS. 9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 10 Respondent. 11 12 **Related Case:** 13 14 SULEIMAN ABDULLAH SALIM, et al., 15 No. CV-15-0286-JLQ Plaintiffs, 16 17 VS. 18 JAMES E. MITCHELL and JOHN JESSEN, 19 20 Defendants. 21 Defendants have recently filed a Motion to Compel Production of Unredacted 22 23

Defendants have recently filed a Motion to Compel Production of Unredacted Documents (ECF No. 38) and Motion to Expedite (ECF No. 40). The styled Motion to Compel seeks reconsideration of a ruling made by the court after an extensive hearing on September 29, 2016, and memorialized in the written Order of October 4, 2016. The Motion to Expedite seeks an expedited hearing because the Government's document production is currently underway. The Motion (ECF No. 40, p. 3) states the Government opposes the Motion to Compel and Motion to Expedite.

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The Motion to Compel was filed on October 28, 2016. Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(b), the Government would ordinarily have 14-days to respond, or until November 11, 2016. The Motion to Expedite seeks a hearing with oral argument on November 9, 2016, or as soon thereafter as the court's schedule allows.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. The Motion to Expedite (ECF No. 40) is **GRANTED IN PART** and **DENIED IN PART**.
- 2. The Government shall file a Response to the Motion to Compel (ECF No. 38) no later than **November 9, 2016**.
- 3. Defendants' Reply brief, if any, shall be filed no later than **November 15, 2016**. The court will determine after submission of the briefs if oral argument is warranted. If the court determines oral argument would be beneficial, it will set a hearing, otherwise the Motion will be deemed submitted as of November 15, 2016.

IT IS SO ORDERED. The Clerk is hereby directed to enter this Order and furnish copies to counsel.

DATED this 2nd day of November, 2016.

s/ Justin L. Quackenbush JUSTIN L. QUACKENBUSH SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE