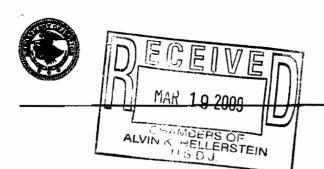
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Hon. Alvin K. Hellerstein United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Room 1050 New York, New York 10007-1312

Re: ACLU, et al., v. Department of Defense, et al., No. 04 Civ. 4151 (AKH)

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

We write respectfully to request an additional two weeks, from March 19, 2009 until April 2, 2009, to file the Government's opposition to plaintiffs' fourth motion for summary judgment and the Government's cross-motion. Plaintiffs have informed the Government that they consent to the two-week extension based on the Government's representation that the additional time is necessary because the memoranda are being reviewed for possible release. The Court has granted the Government three prior extensions of time for its opposition and cross-motion, all of which were consented to by plaintiffs.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

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