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FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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00-Civ-3117; 00-Civ-2329) )

Misc. No. 99-0197 (TFH)

MDL No. 1285

**STIPULATED ORDER ALLOWING OVERSIZE REPLY AND SURREPLY**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by the undersigned that parties may file a reply and a surreply to the Motion of Certain Foreign Defendants for a Protective Order Concerning Plaintiffs' Requests for Merits Discovery, dated March 2, 2001, in excess of the page limits set forth in LCvR. 7.1 (e). The issues raised in these pleadings are now pending before the Special Master.

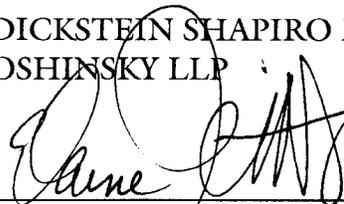
The undersigned have agreed to, respectively, an oversize reply and an oversize surreply because parties on each side filed joint pleadings on behalf of numerous parties represented by multiple counsel. The motion for protective order and subsequent reply were filed by of ten defendants' counsel on behalf of thirteen defendants. Likewise, the opposition to the motion for protective order and subsequent surreply were filed by twelve Plaintiffs' counsels on behalf of numerous plaintiffs. While joint pleadings were filed in the interest of efficiency, both plaintiffs and defendants require pages in excess of the established limits to address all issues raised in the papers.

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March 23, 2001

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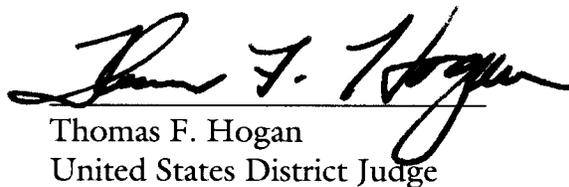
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SO ORDERED this ~~30~~ <sup>March</sup> day of April, 2001



Thomas F. Hogan  
United States District Judge