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For The Northern Mariana Islands
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

RUI LIANG and LIAO DA NIAN,)
MOHAMMED KAMAL HOSSAIN, and)
JANE ROE I,)
Plaintiffs,)
ROBERT GOLDBERG, in his personal)
capacity, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN)
MARIANA ISLANDS, and DOES 1-25,)
Defendants.)

Civil Case No. 99-0046
ORDER RE: DOCUMENTS
SUBJECT TO DELIBERATIVE
PROCESS PRIVILEGE

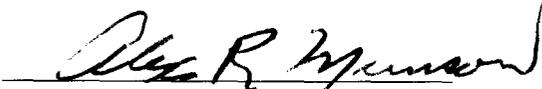
On January 11, 2000, plaintiffs subpoenaed documents from Robert Stamerra of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. The United States moved to quash the subpoena claiming that many of the subpoenaed documents were protected by the deliberative process privilege. On March 31, 2000, the Court ordered defendant United States to submit under seal for in camera inspection by the Court, those materials to which defendant had asserted the deliberative process privilege. On August 15, 2000, defendant submitted those materials to the Court.

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After review of the materials, the Court finds that the United States' assertion of the deliberative process privilege is well taken. Accordingly, the materials will remain under seal with the Court and will not be disclosed to plaintiffs.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 8th day of September, 2000.


Alex R. Munson
Judge