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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

RUI LIANG and LIAO DA NIAN,
MOHAMMAD KAMAL HOSSAIN, and
JANE ROE I,

Plaintiffs,

v.

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 DENYING PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION TO CONTINUE THE
SEPTEMBER 21, 2000 HEARING
AND GRANTING DEFENDANT'S
MOTION TO STRIKE

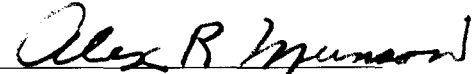
Plaintiffs moved the Court for an Order continuing the September 21, 2000 hearing on (1) the Order to Show Cause Why Robert Stamerra, Robert Goldberg, and Mark Zachares, Should Not Be Held in Contempt, and (2) Defendant Robert Goldberg's Motion to Dismiss. Defendant Goldberg moved the Court to strike plaintiffs' opposition to the motion to dismiss because it was not timely filed. Pursuant to Local Rules 7.1.a and 7.1.h.3(b) the Court deems these motions appropriate for expedited ruling without oral argument.

1 The Court DENIES plaintiffs' motion to continue the September 21st hearing date
2 because it is not timely and no good cause for continuance has been shown. A continuance of the
3 hearing would be highly prejudicial to defendants because they have traveled from Washington,
4 D.C. to Saipan and have the right to have the issues timely dispensed with. Further, plaintiffs'
5 attorney is ultimately qualified to prosecute the action.
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7 Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1.i, the Court GRANTS defendant Goldberg's motion to strike
8 plaintiffs' opposition because the opposition was not filed within the time limits prescribed by
9 Local Rule 7.1.c.2 and does not afford defendant a reasonable opportunity to reply.
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11 IT IS SO ORDERED.

12 Dated this 18th day of September, 2000.
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16 Judge
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