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                   UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
                     NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
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                          WESTERN DIVISION
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    ORTHO EVRA PLAINTIFF(S), - Case No. 1:06-cv-40000
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       Plaintiffs,
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                                   Toledo, Ohio
                                   January 24, 2011
           v.
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                                   Status Conference
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    JOHNSON & JOHNSON, et al.,-
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       Defendants.
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                 TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS CONFERENCE
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                BEFORE THE HONORABLE DAVID A. KATZ
                  UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE.
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                         THE COURT: Good morning.
                         MS. CALLSEN: Good morning, Judge Katz.
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                         THE COURT: Good morning, Julie. Good
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            morning, Bryan.
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                         MR. BALLEW: Good morning, Judge. How are
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            you doing today?
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                         THE COURT: Well, I'm taking nourishment.
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                         These cases were each the subject of an
            order to show cause which was docketed on November 22.
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            That order was to show why the case should not be
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            dismissed for failure to comply with Case Management
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            Order 4 requiring the delivery of a PFS, or Plaintiff
            Fact Sheet. I believe this was the same order that went
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            on in each of the four cases. And that is the subject
            of this morning's telephonic hearing. There had been,
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            if not in each of the cases, there had been motions to
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            compel the filing of such a fact sheet that were filed.
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            So that's where we are at this juncture.
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                         Julie, on behalf of the defendants, the
            floor is yours first.
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                         MS. CALLSEN: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor.
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            Yes, you've properly recited the procedural history,
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            Judge Katz. For Olander --
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                         THE COURT: Which is case number 10-40042.
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MS. CALLSEN: Correct. A plaintiff fact
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            sheet was sent to me via e-mail yesterday. I have not
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            even looked at it yet, so I can't speak to whether it is
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            compliant with CM-04 or not at this point. That is a
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            case that was filed in Minnesota alleging that she is a
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            citizen of West Virginia, and the event was 11-22-04.
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            In that particular event the West Virginia two-year
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            statute of limitations will apply. So obviously there
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            are other issues with that being filed in 2010.
            with respect to CM-04 and the PFS, I did receive it.
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            do not know yet if it is compliant or not.
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                         THE COURT: Well, then let us do this. Let
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            us, unless there is an objection by Bryan Ballew on
            behalf of Ms. Olander, we will continue this matter with
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            regard to the pending order until advised by counsel for
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            the defendant that the fact sheet either complies or
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            does not comply. If it complies with CM-04, then we
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            will forthwith withdraw the order.
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                        MR. BALLEW: No objection, Your Honor.
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                        MS. CALLSEN: I will file a notice of
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            compliance if it is compliant.
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                         With respect to Krogstad, 10-40044, we did
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            receive the PFS on the 21st.
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                        THE COURT: Okay.
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                        MS. CALLSEN: But we do need to confirm the
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date of birth. There are two different dates of birth
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            noted in that PFS. So I can follow up separately with
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            Mr. Ballew on that matter.
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                         THE COURT: We'll handle that the same as we
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            did Olander.
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                        MS. CALLSEN: Okay.
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                        MR. BALLEW: No objection.
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                        MS. CALLSEN: With respect to Boutot,
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            10-40043 --
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                         THE COURT: Yes.
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                        MS. CALLSEN: -- that, again, we received
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            the PFS on the 20th as well. And while it is factually
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            compliant, I would just point out to counsel Ms. Boutot
            previously had a complaint filed and dismissed in the
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            New Jersey coordinated proceedings in front of Judge
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            Mayer. That was filed in November of 2006, dismissed in
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            October of 2008. And her Plaintiff Fact Sheet does not
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            reflect that.
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                        MR. BALLEW: Your Honor, this is the first
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            that I've heard of that. I don't know if that was filed
            through this office or not. It took place before I even
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            started working at this firm. So I will take a look at
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            that. I was unaware of that to this point, and Ms.
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            Boutot has never indicated that in any of my
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            conversations with her. So that's something I will have
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            to take a look at.
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                         THE COURT: Well, let me just think a
                     What was the date it was dismissed in New
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            minute.
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                         MS. CALLSEN: 10-21-08.
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                         THE COURT: Is there a one- or two-year
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            refiling?
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                         MS. CALLSEN:
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                                        One.
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                         THE COURT: So that this did not meet the
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            one-year refiling?
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                         MS. CALLSEN: Correct.
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                         THE COURT: All right. Why don't we do the
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            same thing with regard to this as we did to the prior
            two cases.
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                         MR. BALLEW: Certainly, Your Honor.
                         THE COURT: And if you conclude, Bryan, that
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            Boutot did, in fact, have a prior case which was
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            dismissed, and therefore if the statute has run, I would
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            expect that you will either dismiss the case voluntarily
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            or we will entertain a motion from defendants to do so.
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                                        Understood, Your Honor.
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                         MR. BALLEW:
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                         THE COURT: Thank you.
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                         MR. BALLEW: Before we move on, Julie, have
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            you seen the complaint? I'm just trying to figure out
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if it was filed by this office before I started working
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            for it, and it slipped through the cracks, or if she had
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            had another attorney.
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                         MS. CALLSEN: She had another attorney in
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            New Jersey.
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                         THE COURT: Why don't you send him a copy of
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            the complaint, Julie.
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                         MS. CALLSEN: I will do that; and the
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            dismissal, too.
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                         MR. BALLEW: Thank you, Julie.
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                         MS. CALLSEN: With respect to Dominguez,
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            10-40004, we did receive the Plaintiff Fact Sheet on the
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            20th, January 20th. However, there's no health care
            provider named in there; therefore, it's materially
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            deficient in that we will not be able to provide a
            Defendant Fact Sheet.
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                         MR. BALLEW: Healthcare provider for which?
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                         MS. CALLSEN: The prescriber, the particular
            physician who prescribed Ms. Dominguez with Ortho Evra.
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                         THE COURT: Well, then there's no way for
            the defendant to obtain copies of records showing
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            the date and fact -- well, fact and date of the product
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            being prescribed and therefore use.
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                         MS. CALLSEN: Correct.
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                         MR. BALLEW: Your Honor, in looking at the
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fact sheet that we had sent, she was prescribed the
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            Ortho Evra at a facility called Camelback Women's
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            Facility or Women's Clinic. I believe the issue is that
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            she doesn't remember the exact name of the doctor who
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            prescribed that to her. There is a Dr. David Folkestad
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            that is at that facility. So I think that that might be
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            the issue if there's a confusion there is that she was
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            prescribed it at Camelback but just didn't include the
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            doctor's name when she put down a facility on there as
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            to where she had been prescribed at. I can check that.
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                         THE COURT: Why don't we give you two weeks
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            within which to determine the name of the prescribing
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            physician and supply that to Ms. Callsen.
                         MR. BALLEW: I absolutely will. I will try
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            to get you that before the end of this week.
                         MS. CALLSEN: Thank you.
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                         MR. BALLEW: You're very welcome.
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                         MS. CALLSEN: And that's it from my
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            perspective, Your Honor.
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                         THE COURT: Okay. Anything else, Bryan?
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                         MR. BALLEW: I have nothing, Your Honor.
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                         THE COURT: I would presume that with
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            respect to, in particular Olander, that if it has not
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            been filed, there would be filed a statute of
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            limitations based upon the position of the defendant
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that the law of Virginia with regard to the statute of
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            limitation controls, not the six-year statute which was
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            in effect for non-residents of Minnesota. Am I correct?
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                         MS. CALLSEN: That would be right.
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            Actually, that's Boutot. Olander and Krogstad all are
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            alleged to be citizens of West Virginia, and all of them
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            would have a two-year statute of limitations applicable
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            to their events.
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                         THE COURT: Okay. All right. Let me make a
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            note. And I would presume you should know, Bryan, that
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            we've probably got how many of the Minnesota cases in
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            total?
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                         MR. BALLEW: I'm sorry, are you asking --
                         THE COURT: Julie, I'm sorry.
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                         MS. CALLSEN: How many Minnesota cases in
            total that we have currently?
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                                      Yeah.
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                         THE COURT:
                         MS. CALLSEN: We have about 20.
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                         THE COURT: So this issue for non-residents
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            of Minnesota would be the subject of a series of
            motions, I would presume?
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                         MS. CALLSEN: You're right.
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                         THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much
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            for being available. And I'll look to hear from you
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            folks with regard to those matters where you're going to
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           get back to each other and ultimately to the Court.
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                        MS. CALLSEN: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor.
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                        THE COURT: Have a great week, all of you.
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                        MS. CALLSEN: Thank you.
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                        (Concluded at 9:44 a.m.)
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               I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript
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            from the record of proceedings in the above-entitled
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           matter.
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           /s Tracy L. Spore
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