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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. MARIO DIAZ, et al., Defendants.	Case No. 2:07-cr-0248 WBS STIPULATION AND [~~PROPOSED~~] ORDER SETTING STATUS CONFERENCE FOR DEFENDANTS MARCO ANTHONY GOMEZ, FERNANDO VILLALPANDO, EDWARD FUENTES, DAVID RAMIREZ, and FAUSTINO GONZALEZ and HEARING REGARDING STATUS OF COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT BENJAMIN SANTOS CASTRO

Plaintiff, United States of America, by its counsel, Assistant United States Attorneys Jason Hitt and William S. Wong, and defendants Marco Anthony GOMEZ, by and through his counsel, Michael Long, Esq., defendant Fernando VILLALPANDO, by and through his counsel, David Arredondo, Esq., defendant Edward FUENTES, by and through his counsel, John Balazs, Esq., defendant David RAMIREZ, by and through his counsel Robert Holley, Esq., and defendant Faustino GONZALEZ, by and through his counsel, Evans Prieston, Esq., stipulate and agree that a status conference should be set for March 7, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. for the following defendants only:

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AUTHENTICATED U.S. GOVERNMENT INFORMATION GPO

Marco Anthony GOMEZ,
Fernando VILLALPANDO,
Edward FUENTES,
David RAMIREZ,
Faustino GONZALEZ, and
Benjamin SANTOS CASTRO.

The status conference is needed because on February 22, 2011, the Court relieved counsel for defendant Benjamin SANTOS CASTRO from further representation in this matter. As a result, the United States has proposed moving defendant Faustino GONZALEZ into the trial group currently set for April 26, 2011. The April 26, 2011 trial group currently includes defendants Marco Anthony GOMEZ, Fernando VILLALPANDO, Edward FUENTES, and David RAMIREZ. The Court will inquire whether counsel for defendant Faustino GONZALEZ is prepared to proceed to trial on April 26, 2011.

In addition, the Court will hold a hearing to inquire into the status of counsel for defendant Benjamin SANTOS CASTRO in order to insure that a new lawyer has been appointed to represent him.

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No other defendants or their counsel in this case are required or requested to appear on March 7, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

BENJAMIN B. WAGNER
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DATED: February 24, 2011 By: /s/Jason Hitt
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DATED: February 24, 2011 By: /s/Jason Hitt
Authorized to sign for Mr. Long on 02-22-11
MICHAEL LONG, Esq.
Attorney for Marco GOMEZ

DATED: February 24, 2011 By: /s/Jason Hitt
Authorized to sign for Mr. Arredondo on 02-24-11
DAVID ARREDONDO, Esq.
Attorney for Fernando VILLALPANDO

DATED: February 24, 2011 By: /s/Jason Hitt
Authorized to sign for Mr. Balazs on 02-24-11
JOHN BALAZS, Esq.
Attorney for Edward FUENTES

DATED: February 24, 2011 By: /s/Jason Hitt
Authorized to sign for Mr. Holley on 02-24-11
ROBERT HOLLEY, Esq.
Attorney for David RAMIREZ

DATED: February 24, 2011 By: /s/Jason Hitt
Authorized to sign for Mr. Prieston on 02-22-11
EVANS PRIESTON, Esq.
Attorney for Faustino GONZALEZ

ORDER

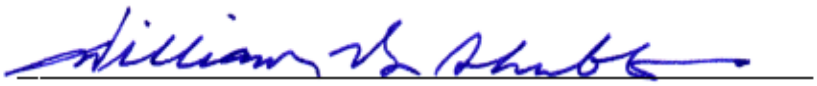
Based upon the representations and stipulation of counsel, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. A status conference in this matter is set for defendants Marco Anthony GOMEZ, Fernando VILLALPANDO, Edward FUENTES, David RAMIREZ, and Faustino GONZALEZ is set for March 7, 2011, at 8:30 a.m.; and

2. A hearing regarding the status of counsel for defendant Benjamin SANTOS CASTRO is set for the same date and time.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: February 24, 2011



WILLIAM B. SHUBB
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE