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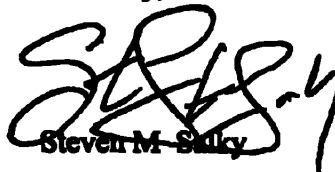
Dear Mr. Norton:

I am counsel to Heriberto Valdes and I received your letter dated August 7, 2006 on August 10, 2006. I intend to file a responsive brief. However, because of existing commitments, both personal and professional, during the last two weeks of August, I cannot file the brief within fifteen (15) days. I therefore respectfully request an additional fifteen (15) days or until Monday September 11, 2006. My reasons for the extension of time are as follows:

- (a) time to refamiliarize myself with this file,
- (b) time to communicate adequately with my client, who is located in Miami, Florida,
- (c) time to speak to other interested parties,
- (d) my vacation and professional obligations

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Steven M. Salky

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cc Ana Pena Wallace