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2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

3 Case No. 08-99000-lgb

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8 ADMINISTRATIVE CASE RE: 08-1789 (SECURITIES INVESTOR

9 PROTECTION CORPORATION),

10 Debtor.

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12 IRVING H. PICARD, TRUSTEE FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF BERNARD L.

13 MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 BANQUE INTERNATIONALE A LUXEMBOURG S.A. et al.,

17 Defendants.

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1 **HEARING re Pre-Motion Discovery Conference**

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 THE COURT: Good morning. Court is now in
3 session. I'm going to go ahead and call my cases. And when
4 I call your case, I'll ask the attorneys to please put their
5 appearances on the record. And then I'll also ask you to
6 please identify yourself when speaking for the record.

7 Case Number 12-01698, Picard Trustee for
8 Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff v. Banque Internationale
9 Luxembourg, SA. May I have appearances, please?

10 MR. CIANI: Tony, you're mute.

11 MR. CASAS: Sorry about that.

12 THE COURT: That's okay.

13 MR. CASAS: Antonio Casas from Windels Marx Lane &
14 Mittendorf, on behalf of Plaintiff Irving Picard, Trustee
15 for the substantive consolidated liquidation proceedings of
16 Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities, and the Chapter 7
17 Estate of Bernard L. Madoff.

18 THE COURT: Thank you.

19 MR. BUTLER: Good morning, Your Honor. I'm Jeff
20 Butler from Clifford Chance for the Defendants Banque
21 Internationale Luxembourg, and Banque International
22 Luxembourg Switzerland. And with me today is my colleague,
23 Sanaz Payandeh.

24 THE COURT: Good morning.

25 MR. CIANI: Good morning, Your Honor. My name is

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1 Mark Ciani. I'm with Katten Muchin. I'm representing the
2 three co-defendants, the RBC Investor Services defendants,
3 today.

4 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Ciani. Any further
5 appearances? All right. So, this was a pre-motion
6 conference that was requested by Mr. Casas. I've read both
7 of your letters. It's certainly -- there's a little bit of
8 difference between the parties' perspectives on the delay.
9 So, Mr. Casas and Mr. Butler, and Mr. Ciani, having read the
10 letters, it certainly seems like, to the extent there's
11 actually production going on, and can go on, and is going
12 on, that that does need to complete and happen within some
13 reasonable timeframe. And we have to discuss what's a
14 reasonable timeframe, I think.

15 And then it seems like there were issues about
16 whether there had been destruction of documents, and whether
17 or not there were other reasons why, perhaps, the discovery
18 hasn't occurred in accordance with the request. So, that I
19 probably could use a little bit more of an understanding on
20 myself, so, beyond what's in the letter perhaps.

21 MR. CASAS: (indiscernible) do that, Your Honor.
22 So, the destruction has to do with the Fairfield related
23 ESI. So, this, these, the transfers that the Trustee is
24 seeking from, I'll call them the BIL Defendants --

25 THE COURT: Okay.

1 MR. CASAS: -- are from two Madoff feeder funds,
2 Fairfield Century and Fairfield Limited. And early on in
3 the process of discussing discovery with the BIL defendants,
4 they admitted that they did not preserve any of their
5 Fairfield-related ESI. So, there's no emails, essentially,
6 or anything else that was electronically stored, that had
7 anything to do with those Fairfield-related investments.

1 we're here for today. That just adds context in terms of
2 what we're dealing with --

3 THE COURT: It seems like there's timing issues,
4 about getting the documents produced to you. And I think
5 Mr. Butler's letter, you know, indicates that there's some
6 reasons on their side why they say it's taking them a long
7 time to do it. This -- Mr. Casas, I don't want you to take
8 this in the wrong way -- but a lot of these cases seem to
9 take a long time for the discovery process, so it doesn't
10 seem completely surprising to me, having seen a number of
11 these other adversary proceedings, that it could actually
12 take someone a fair amount of time for discovery. And
13 obviously, that can't prejudice your situation and your
14 timing. And I think Mr. Butler acknowledges that in the
15 letter that he sent, that it shouldn't prejudice your
16 timing; which sort of leads me to believe that people have
17 to work out a new schedule that takes into account some
18 reasonable schedule for Mr. Butler's production, and then
19 the time that you need on your side once you actually
20 receive the production to do all the rest of the fact
21 discovery that would be necessary to move forward in this
22 case and that might otherwise be in conflict with the timing
23 in the existing, you know, case management or, you know,
24 plan. And I think that's the way I took Mr. Butler's
25 letter. You know, maybe that's what the parties need to

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1 work out here, because it does seem to me that there would -
2 - he has raised some issues about why he needs some more
3 time.

4 And again, in the context of -- not this
5 particular adversary proceeding, but generally how long
6 often these cases seem to take, it's not completely odd that
7 there might be a request like that. I mean, I certainly
8 have signed plenty of extensions of case management plans,
9 where people just work things out for this. And so, I was
10 not understanding why that was impossible here, but maybe I
11 was missing something. Sorry.

12 MR. CASAS: Your Honor, if I may address that.
13 So, there obviously is an issue here as to the lack of, or
14 the failure to produced promised documents in a timely
15 manner. And we touched upon that in our letter. And we
16 appreciate the statements Mr. Butler made in his letter.
17 But there are other concerns here that we have going
18 forward, based upon what's happened in the past with our
19 interactions with the BIL Defendants. Because there have
20 been months at a time when they have ignored our
21 communications.

22 And just to give you one example, Your Honor,
23 they've listed a number of reasons why there was a delay in
24 the production. And apart from one of those reasons, we
25 hadn't heard any of those reasons before we sent this letter

1 to the, before we requested this conference with Your Honor.
2 So, we're concerned about the lack of responsiveness. And
3 we're concerned that, yes, I mean, we appreciate the offer.
4 We'll obviously have to extend the fact discovery end date.
5 And we'll have to work out a schedule. But we don't want to
6 find ourselves in a situation where six months from now,
7 we're back before Your Honor because we still don't have the
8 documents that we've asked for.

9 And here, it's particularly troubling, Your Honor,
10 because we're not really dealing with ESI, we're dealing
11 with paper files. We really don't understand why it's
12 taking so long.

13 The other thing, Your Honor, is it's not just
14 concerns about the timely production. We also have concerns
15 -- there are a fair number of documents that we believe
16 they've agreed to search for and produce. But when we
17 finally get them on the phone and we talk to them, it
18 appears to us that they're pulling back on that. And I'll
19 give Your Honor an example.

20 They have maintained at various points in our
21 discussions regarding these, our discovery requests, that
22 basically, anything that has to do with a non-Fairfield
23 feeder fund, is irrelevant. Now, we've discussed that with
24 them, and we thought we had agreement that that is not the
25 case, because obviously, their knowledge, or their notice of

1 what was going on with Madoff and BLMIS and these feeder
2 funds, is relevant regardless of the source. It goes
3 directly to their good faith defense.

4 Similarly, Your Honor, at times, they've taken the
5 position that nothing post fraud is relevant. When, for the
6 same reason, obviously, you would think that it's certainly
7 not a reasonable position to take, that anything that
8 happens post fraud is simply not relevant. Because once the
9 fraud is revealed, it would be reasonable to expect that
10 there were communications, that there were questions about
11 what happened, what went wrong. And those communications
12 may reveal what the defendants knew back when they made the
13 investments, back when they received these transcripts.

14 So, all of those things are relevant. And we
15 have, we don't have confidence that -- I mean, we appreciate
16 the efforts to work with us, to reach an agreement on a set
17 of documents that they're willing to search for and produce.
18 But then we get in these meet and confers with them, and it
19 seems like they're pulling back.

20 And that includes a recent meet and confer we had
21 in June, on June 10 of this year, right before we went the
22 letter to Your Honor and requested this conference; where we
23 thought -- to give you an example, Your Honor -- we thought
24 we had an agreement with them that communications and
25 documents relating to non-Madoff feeder funds were relevant,

1 for all the reasons I just stated. We thought we had
2 agreement with them on that. And we then discussed,
3 specifically discussed, on June 10, one of the categories or
4 types of documents that we believe they had agreed to
5 produce, which was communications with -- I'm sorry, Your
6 Honor, and I'm just looking to make sure that I got the
7 right...

8 One of the types of documents that they agreed to
9 produce, at least from our understanding, was all existing
10 internal and external communications concerning non-
11 Fairfield Madoff feeder funds through June 30, 2009, despite
12 the fact that we sought this info in our letters and meet
13 and confers, continually for up to a year before. And what
14 they did when we spoke with them on June 10, is they appear
15 to focus on narrow examples of such communications, like
16 board meeting minutes and communications with customers.
17 It's our position that all such communications are relevant
18 and should be searched for and produced.

19 So, as part of what we need from the BIL
20 Defendants, Your Honor, is not only timely production of
21 these documents that they've promised to give us, but also
22 clarity from them as to what they're looking for and intend
23 to produce. And on that, Your Honor, I just note two
24 things: They appeared to rule out the use of search terms,
25 so we have to basically handle this case, what I'll say is

1 the old fashioned way, the way we handled cases when I first
2 became an attorney, which is you look through files and then
3 produce -- you look through files that may reasonably have
4 responsive documents, and then you copy the documents and
5 you produced them. But here, there's no way for us to use
6 search terms, which gives you a certain -- as a party
7 requesting documents, gives you a certain level of
8 confidence that the other side is going to search for and
9 produce the relevant material.

10 So, no ability to really use search terms
11 according to them. It's not clear whether there is some ESI
12 that has been produced, but we really haven't discussed
13 search terms with them, because they appear to have ruled
14 them out, basically saying to us, we really can't run search
15 terms, really doesn't make sense here. Because we really
16 are just dealing with paper files.

17 Accepting that, the other reason why we have some
18 concerns, Your Honor, is that apart from one letter they
19 sent us, back in December, they haven't put any agreements
20 to produce, look for and produce documents in writing. So,
21 one of the things that we would want is for them to commit
22 to put in writing what they have agreed to look for and
23 produce, so that we have some clarity on what we can expect
24 to see, and we have some level of confidence that they are
25 searching for and producing the relevant material.

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1 Lastly, Your Honor, it isn't true that, as the BIL
2 Defendants suggest in their letter that they have a -- there
3 is no, that there is complete agreement on the documents
4 that are going to be produced in this case. That is not the
5 case, Your Honor, far from it. We've negotiated with them
6 on certain documents, and they've agreed to produce them
7 and, subject to clarity, we have agreed to review those
8 documents.

9 But, for example, there are certain documents that
10 they have not agreed to produce. As part of the BIL -- not
11 the BIL Defendants, but BIL's response to the BLMIS
12 liquidation, was to preserve certain documents. They didn't
13 preserve the Fairfield related documents, but they did
14 preserve other documents related to other investments and
15 other lending activities they had, based upon the exposure
16 they could have to the BLMIS liquidation. And these are
17 files that they called the Task Force Files. So, when they
18 learned of the BLMIS liquidation, they collected these files
19 and they preserved them in anticipation that there would be
20 some sort of fallout from the fraud.

21 It's essentially what they should have done for
22 their Fairfield Investments, but they didn't do. So, as to
23 those files, even that we know that they've destroyed the
24 Fairfield related ESI, it's important for us to know what
25 they did preserve, what they do have left. And we know from

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1 the testimony of their corporate representative, Mr. Dewitt
2 in the Chapter 15 cases, that they did preserve these Task
3 Force Files. And we've asked for very basic information
4 about these files, including the types of documents that are
5 in there, the volume, whether there's anything that can be
6 searched via electronic means. And we've asked for that
7 repeatedly and we've never gotten an answer from them on
8 that.

9 We've also never, we also asked them, Your Honor,
10 to identify any documents that they've already produced to
11 us, or that they intend to produce to us out of those task
12 force files, and they haven't done that either. And there
13 are a couple of other types of documents, Your Honor, that
14 they have not yet agreed to produce, although they are
15 apparently still contemplating whether they are going to
16 produce them. They include documents concerning discussions
17 between BIL and its regulator regarding its lending exposure
18 to any Madoff feeder fund. And the BIL Defendants'
19 communications with insurance providers concerning non-
20 Fairfield Madoff feeder funds; documents that we contend
21 that are relevant and should be produced, and they have not
22 committed to produce them as of yet.

23 So, Your Honor, yes, we have a problem with their
24 timely production of documents, because however you look at
25 it, it has not been timely. And given that it's not a lot

1 of documents, we don't understand why it's been taking so
2 long. And we certainly don't understand the months' long
3 periods where they simply don't respond to us. And for that
4 reason, we'd need certain commitments from them. I mean,
5 this really isn't just about pushing a fact discovery date
6 off, and then we have time to do what we need to do. We
7 have real concerns that that's not going to work absent some
8 real commitments on their behalf, that they -- to address
9 the failures to produce documents in a timely manner, the
10 lack of clarity on agreed productions, the refusal to
11 produce other documents and communications, and the lack of
12 responsiveness in the past.

13 That's what we need from them, Your Honor, so that
14 we don't find ourselves back in the same position we're in
15 now, six months from now.

16 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Mr. Butler?

17 MR. BUTLER: Yeah, Your Honor, may I briefly
18 respond?

19 THE COURT: Yes, you may.

20 MR. BUTLER: I won't cover every single issue.
21 You know, I'm glad that Mr. Casas had the opportunity to get
22 all those issues off his chest. They have all been
23 discussed in meet and confers. And I will say, while we may
24 not have been models of responsiveness in every case, we
25 have regularly met and conferred with the Trustee's counsel.

1 Those meet and confers have been extremely cordial. Mr.
2 Casas, in particular, has been extremely cordial through
3 that process. And all these issues have been discussed.
4 And I have tried to be clear, although I admit I haven't
5 committed it to paper with bullet points, what categories of
6 documents --

7 THE COURT: You might need to do that.

8 MR. BUTLER: I might need to do that. I'm willing
9 to do that. What categories we've agreed to produce -- I
10 mean, they dynamic has been, you know, the Trustee wants
11 everything. And we say we don't want to give you
12 everything, we will give you these things, you know. And
13 they say, good, give us those things, and we want everything
14 else. So, there hasn't been -- and I didn't mean to suggest
15 that we've reached agreement on everything. I only meant to
16 convey in my letter that there's no specific issue that
17 we've reached an impasse on yet, that Mr. Casas is bringing
18 to the Court for resolution. And that may well happen,
19 because I think there are going to be some --

20 THE COURT: I think, in fairness, Mr. Butler, what
21 Mr. Casas is saying is now he needs a piece of paper that
22 actually tells him you're going to do this, you're not going
23 to do that, you're going to do this, you're not going to do
24 that, this is how far we're going to go on this category; we
25 gave you this, we haven't given you that, we're not going to

1 give you that. So, that when he sees that piece of paper,
2 he then can figure out -- you can have a discussion about
3 it. If you can't resolve it, then there's a process for
4 dealing with that.

5 MR. BUTLER: Correct, yes.

6 THE COURT: And I think that's what he's saying at
7 this point, in addition to more time, which clearly needs to
8 happen because you need more time, he's going to need more
9 time, more time will have to happen. But rather than just
10 doing more time, we need to see that, at least if there is a
11 problem, and a disagreement, that it is clearly enunciated
12 and spelled out, so that people are clear of what they're
13 understanding, and that then, if there's a problem, there is
14 a process for dealing with that. You know, obviously, we
15 have me and a discovery master. So, there's, you know,
16 there's lots of processes for (indiscernible).

17 So, I guess I understand that. I think you're
18 going to need to do that. Definitely put it down on paper,
19 because I think that in addition to more time, that's what
20 it is. I don't know what else you want to tell me about why
21 more time is needed.

22 MR. BUTLER: Yeah. Certainly, we will commit to
23 putting on a piece of paper, or sending a letter to Mr.
24 Casas. I will send it, identifying what we've agreed to
25 produce, what we're working to produce now, and what we

1 think we have not agreed to produce, based on the requests
2 that they've made so far, because we haven't agreed to
3 produce absolutely everything.

4 I do want to emphasize, in response to one of his
5 comments, we do have this foliation issue. It was an issue
6 in the Fairfield case, and we were sanctioned for it in that
7 case. I am sure it's going to be an issue in this case,
8 because there's no factual dispute that email from that,
9 from the relevant time period - we're talking about 2003 to
10 2008 -- has been lost at both of the banks I represent. But
11 I want to emphasize that doesn't mean that all emails have
12 been lost, because part of the reason there was --

13 THE COURT: That has to be in your letter too, I
14 think.

15 MR. BUTLER: Okay, well, fine. I won't make the
16 argument here, Your Honor. I'm sure we'll get the
17 opportunity to make that argument later.

18 In terms of the timing, again, I apologize. I'm
19 not happy with the amount of time that this has taken. I'm
20 not happy with the fact that I've been a poor predictor of
21 how long things are going to take in this case. But I do
22 think we're reaching the end of the production of things
23 we've agreed to produce. It's not -- there are actually --
24 you know, because there are only a few transactions at issue
25 in this case, and because they were relatively routine

1 transactions at the time, most of the documents that are
2 directly relevant to the redemption payments at issue have
3 already been produced. We're working mainly on collateral
4 categories of documents, which actually are kind of
5 voluminous and, therefore, take a lot of time to process and
6 to check for client confidential information.

7 But that's all I want to say. I'm not here to
8 justify the delay. It has taken a lot longer than expected.
9 I think we have got the processes ramped up now to get this
10 finished, and we are highly motivated to complete our
11 document production and possibly to not see you again on
12 these issues. And that's really all that I have to say.

13 THE COURT: Understood. And look, it's probably
14 interesting for the younger lawyers who never had to spend
15 their days in rat-infested warehouses like maybe all of us
16 did in our earlier days. So, they're probably, it's
17 probably a new experience of them, so I understand that may
18 not have the same skill set that we all had in those days
19 dealing with it, because that was what we did as part of our
20 lives.

21 But anyway, so, Mr. Butler, I think realistically,
22 today is July 22. I think I am going to give you four weeks
23 for you to go ahead and send that letter to Mr. Casas. It
24 seems like you should be able to put all that together and
25 write it in the letter in four weeks. I don't think that's

1 unreasonable.

2 MR. BUTLER: No.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Casas --

4 MR. CASAS: Yes, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: After you see the letter, it seems to
6 me then you all should have an meet and confer and discuss
7 it and see if you can resolve. And if you can't resolve
8 things, then you can put down in a communication what your
9 problems are that aren't resolved yet, and then we could
10 obviously move forward at that point. That seems to me the
11 way that we should proceed on that.

12 With respect to the deadline, which is obviously
13 now September 29, that's obviously not going to be a
14 workable deadline. So, Mr. Butler, I have to ask you,
15 because obviously, this has to do with your understanding,
16 and I understand you're not a great predictor of when you're
17 going to be finished with your process; but, assuming that
18 Mr. Casas had no problem with what you're actually agreeing
19 to produce, which I highly doubt is the answer,
20 nevertheless, and you produced it, you could just produce it
21 all and that would be the end of it, what timeframe would
22 you be talking about?

23 MR. BUTLER: I think, Your Honor, realistically,
24 we're looking at 60 to 90 days. And part of that is the
25 August vacation challenge, which is a particular challenge

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1 for European clients. But honestly, we are reaching the end
2 of the road. I mean, Mr. Casas is not aware -- of course,
3 he's only seen the end product and he's not satisfied with
4 what he's got, but there is huge volumes of stuff that is
5 sort of bursting at the seams and ready, you know, close to
6 being ready to go out. So, I think we're going to see much
7 larger volumes of production --

8 THE COURT: Okay. I'm going to go with your 60 to
9 90 days.

10 MR. BUTLER: Okay.

11 THE COURT: So, we're talking about like late
12 October with the 90 days, Mr. Casas. Again, I'm assuming,
13 for this purpose, that you're not going to be happy with Mr.
14 Butler's letter. There's going to be things you have to
15 work out. You might have to come back to me. And
16 furthermore, you still have to do your process once you get
17 the documents by the end of October. So, what date are you
18 talking about that you would need?

19 MR. CASAS: Also, Your Honor, we also -- and Mr.
20 Ciani is on the call, he represents RBC -- we're also
21 involved in a mediation with Mr. Ciani, or we're about to
22 enter into mediation with Mr. Ciani. So, we need more time
23 for other reasons as well.

24 THE COURT: Understood. That's why I was asking
25 you what you think (indiscernible) --

1 MR. CASAS: We think, at this point -- we don't
2 want to put it off too long, Your Honor. So, we're talking
3 about an extension with Mr. Ciani, at the moment. We've
4 proposed, I believe it's six months. And we think that's
5 workable. And we would hope that we could get the mediation
6 done during that time and that we could work out any
7 remaining issues with Mr. Butler during that time as well.

8 THE COURT: Okay. That doesn't sound unreasonable
9 to me either. So, because that would take you to,
10 basically, the end of March. Okay. Well, it seems like
11 what needs to happen, Mr. Butler, is you're going to write
12 that letter within four weeks. Mr. Casas, you're going to
13 have a meet and confer. And then Mr. Casas is going to
14 respond in writing after your meet and confer, but not
15 before, so that you all can sit down and then elucidate
16 what his problems are, which he'll have already talked to
17 you about, no doubt. And then, if you can't resolve things
18 we'll, you know, you'll be back to somebody -- that's the
19 answer, presumably. And this will count as the pre-motion,
20 you know, conference, because we've already had that now,
21 from my perspective. There's not going to be a requirement
22 of that. You can go straight to motion at that point, Mr.
23 Butler, and Mr. Casas, as necessary.

24 And it seems like you need to send a, workout at
25 case management scheduled, which I don't think what Mr.

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1 Casas proposed seems unreasonable to me. But given the
2 circumstances, that he's not getting any documents probably,
3 maybe till the end of October and there's still other things
4 to work forward with, and also Mr. Ciani in mediation. So,
5 that doesn't seem like a crazy timeframe to me either.

6 All right. Is there anything else that we need to
7 discuss today about this case?

8 MR. CASAS: No, Your Honor. I would just mention
9 one thing. I've had a discussion with Mr. Butler about
10 this, and we'll continue to discuss it. I don't know if
11 it's necessary for me to bring it up here, but we also
12 mentioned in our letter that we would request that the, Mr.
13 Dewitt's deposition from the Chapter 15 case be treated as
14 if taken here. And so, I'm waiting to hear back from Mr.
15 Butler on that.

16 THE COURT: All right.

17 MR. CASAS: But absent a stipulation, that's
18 something we would want to bring up at some point with the
19 Court.

20 THE COURT: Okay. I understand.

21 MR. BUTLER: And Your Honor, we did speak about
22 that last week and I believe it will not be a problem, which
23 I've communicated to Mr. Casas. I'm just waiting for final
24 confirmation from my client, but Mr. Dewitt who is the
25 deposition subject, certainly doesn't -- although he enjoyed

1 his deposition, he is not eager to have a second one
2 (indiscernible) --

3 THE COURT: Which would be the alternative, so it
4 does seem to make more sense.

5 MR. BUTLER: Exactly.

6 THE COURT: Understood. For everybody. And less
7 time, money, effort, preparation, all of the above.
8 Understood.

9 MR. BUTLER: All those reasons, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Makes sense. Mr. Ciani, I didn't know
11 if there's anything else you wanted to add today?

12 MR. CIANI: No, nothing from me, Your Honor, thank
13 you.

14 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Well, I guess I
15 will just suggest that you go off and work on that. I'll
16 look forward to getting a case management plan amendment to
17 add. And I guess we'll see you after you've had the
18 opportunity to have correspondence back and forth, and the
19 meet and confer in between; whether there's a need to do
20 something else by filing a motion, which I've authorized you
21 to do if there is.

22 MR. BUTLER: Thank you, Your Honor.

23 MR. CASAS: Thank you very much.

24 THE COURT: Thank you all for coming in today. I
25 wish you a good rest of day and I'm going to go onto call my

1 next case and you all may be excused.

2 MR. CIANI: Thank you, Your Honor.

3 MR. BUTLER: Thanks again, Your Honor.

4 (Whereupon these proceedings were concluded at
5 10:48 AM)

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3 I, Sonya Ledanski Hyde, certified that the foregoing

4 record of the proceedings.

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