UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES, EX REL. ERVIN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE HAMILTON SECURITIES GROUP, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

UNDER SEAL

Civil Action No. 96-01258 (CRR)

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NANCY MAYER-WHITTINGTON, CLERK U.S. DISTRICT COURT

ORDER

Counsel for the plaintiff and the government appeared before the Court on August 19, 1996 for a status conference in the above-captioned matter. At that time, the government asked the Court to grant its pending motion for a ninety day extension of time within which to make its intervention decision and to maintain the seal on the case. The plaintiff informed the Court at the conference that it did not oppose the motion. Having considered the government's unopposed motion and argument in support thereof, the Court shall grant such motion. Accordingly, it is, by the Court, this 23 day of August, hereby

ORDERED, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3730(3), that the United States shall have until and including November 18, 1996 to intervene in the above-captioned action or to notify the Court that

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it declines to do so; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Complaint and all other filings shall remain under seal until and including November 18, 1996, or until further Order of this Court.

CHARLES R. RICHEY

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE