UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

Plaintiff,

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

Defendants.

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

UNDER SEAL

Civil Action No. 96-01258 (SS)

ORDER

Upon consideration of the United States' unopposed motion for an extension of time within which to make its intervention decision and to maintain the seal on this case, and for good cause shown, it is, by the Court, this ______day of September, 1997,

ORDERED that the United States shall have until and including March 10, 1998 to intervene in the above-captioned action or to notify the Court that it declines to do so; and, it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Complaint and all other filings shall remain under seal until and including March 10, 1998, or until further order of this Court; and, it is

FURTHER ORDERED that counsel for the government and counsel for the relator shall appear before the undersigned member of this Court on March 9, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. and shall then and there be

prepared to discuss all aspects of this case.

September ____, 1997

STANLEY SPORKIN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE