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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

United States Ex Rel Ervin
& Associates

Docket No. CA 96-1258 SS

Plaintiff

Washington, D.C.

vs.

Friday, January 29, 1999
10:58 a.m.

The Hamilton Securities
Group, Inc., et al.

Defendants

Transcript of Status Hearing
Before the Honorable Stanley Sporkin
United States District Judge

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 THE CLERK: This is the case in the matter of Civil
3 Action 96-1258. United States of America ex rel Ervin &
4 Associates, Inc., versus The Hamilton Securities Group, Inc.,
5 et al. Tony Alexis and Judith Hetherton for the plaintiff.
6 Wayne Travel and Daniel Hawke for the relators.

7 THE COURT: Good morning. Is this a status?

8 MR. ALEXIS: Yes, sir. Your Honor, this matter was
9 set for a status and also consideration for the continuation of
10 seal. The status of the case is the court has ruled with
11 regard to 98-92, which was the enforcement of the IG subpoena;
12 and pursuant to that, there is a protocol for the turning over
13 of the records in both hard document and I also understand
14 electronic media.

15 In order for the United States to access some of the
16 information they actually have to get a contractor in order to
17 copy this. It is a fairly complicated procedure that is being
18 utilized in order to copy it, and then afterwards the parties
19 will go back and forth before the special master with regard to
20 ascertaining which documents are going to be turned over and
21 which ones have legitimate claims for privilege.

22 It is my understanding from talking to the counsel to
23 the Inspector General, Ms. Hetherton, that we are talking
24 probably about 90 days for us to actually figure out where
25 exactly our feet are in this particular matter because of the

1 contractor's concerns for being able to even copy the media,
2 unwind it, and get it into a format that both parties can
3 utilized.

4 We would request about 90 days to continue the seal
5 so we can continue to go through the documents and work with
6 the special master on this project.

7 MR. HAWKE: Your Honor, Dan Hawke for the relator.
8 We have no problem with extending the seal for 90 days. What
9 we would ask is if we could have a status in 60 days to
10 determine how much progress is being made.

11 THE COURT: All right. Let's do it.

12 THE CLERK: March 29 at 2:00.

13 MR. ALEXIS: That is fine.

14 MR. HAWKE: That is fine.

15 THE COURT: Okay. Anything further?

16 MR. HAWKE: Nothing further.

17 (Proceedings concluded at 11:00 a.m.)

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