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			1	Georgia. And calling remotely, I believe,
		1	2	also are Craig Primis, Sarah Warren, and Winn
	SUPREME COURT OF TI No. 142, Ori		3	Allen from Kirkland & Ellis.
			4	SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Thank you,
			5	Georgia.
	STATE OF FLORIDA,)		6	The United States?
	Plaintiff,)		7	MR. GRAY: Yes. Good morning, your
	V.) STATE OF GEORGIA,)		8	Honor. This is Michael Gray for the United
) Defendants.)		9	States.
	TELEDHONE CONFEDENCE	before SPECIAL MASTER	10	SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Is there
	RALPH I. LANCASTER, held at		11	anyone else who hasn't responded to my
	Atwood, LLP, at Merrill's Wh	narf, 254 Commercial Street,	12	request for entrance of appearances who is on
	Portland, Maine, on June 9,	2015, commencing at	13	the call?
	10:00 a.m., before Claudette		14	Hearing none, I will assume none.
	Notary Public in and for the	e State of Maine.	15	Is there anything that you want to add
	APPEARANCES: For the State of Florida:	ALLEN C. WINSOR, ESQ.	16	to the status reports, Florida?
	for the state of florida.	OSVALDO VAZQUEZ, ESQ. CHRISTOPHER M. KISE, ESQ.	17	MR. WINSOR: This is Allen Winsor.
		PHILIP J. PERRY, ESQ.	18	No, sir.
	For the State of Georgia:	CRAIG S. PRIMIS, P.C. BRITT GRANT, ESQ. SARAH HAWKINS WARREN, ESQ.	19	SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Georgia?
		K. WINN ALLEN, ESQ.	20	MR. PRIMIS: No, Special Master.
	For the U.S.A.:	MICHAEL T. GRAY, ESQ.	21	SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: I think this
	Also Present:	JOSHUA D. DUNLAP, ESQ.	22	should be a relatively brief meeting. We saw
			23	each other recently, and I then complimented
	THE REPORTING G	GROUP	24	and congratulated you on the briefs. Let me
	Mason & Lockha	art	25	now compliment you on the cooperation and the
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1			1	progress you're making on discovery. I'm
2	PROCEEDINGS		2	pleased to see that the parties are
3	SPECIAL MASTER LAN	ICASTER: Good morning,	3	continuing to work together to resolve the
4	counsel.		4	issues.
5	MR.WINSOR: Good	morning.	5	I just want to remind you that the
6	MR. PRIMIS: Good m	orning.	6	parties are expected to complete discovery
7	MS.GRANT: Good m	orning.	7	within the recently extended time frame with
8	SPECIAL MASTER LAN	ICASTER: I have Josh	8	no further extensions.
9	and Claudette with me. Y	ou should have	9	Do you expect any difficulties regarding
10	received her transcript ye	sterday.	10	the timelines of responses by third parties,
11	Let me ask if you cou	ld enter	11	Florida?
12	appearances, please. Firs	t, for Florida.	12	MR. WINSOR: Your Honor, not at this
13	MR. WINSOR: Good	morning, Special	13	time. I think that we're getting
14	Master. This is Allen Wins	sor along with	14	satisfactory responses on the whole from the
15	Os Vazquez for Florida. A	nd joining on the	15	third parties.
16	line remotely, I believe, a	re Mr. Kise and	16	SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Georgia?
17	Mr. Perry from our outside	e counsel team.	17	MR. PRIMIS: Third party discovery
18		ICASTER: Thank you.	18	this is Craig Primis.
19	MR. KISE: Good mor		19	Third party discovery is moving along
20	MR. PERRY: Yes, goo		20	well, and we're making good progress. There
21	Honor.	5. ,	21	are substantial amounts of information that
22		ICASTER: Thank you.	22	we're working in good faith with the United
23	Georgia?		23	States to produce, but they have multiple
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24	MS.GRANT: Good m	orning, your Honor.	24	agencies and a lot of information. And so
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	MS. GRANT: Good m This is Britt Grant from th THE REPORTING GR	e State of		I'm not saying that we don't expect it to be THE REPORTING GROUP
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1	complete, but I just raise as a potential	1	schedule as usual.
2	issue the timing and the volume of	2	Is there anything else from Florida?
3	information from the United States.	3	MR. WINSOR: No, sir.
4	SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Well, the	4	SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: From Georgia?
5	volume of the information certainly is huge.	5	MR. PRIMIS: No, sir.
6	I couldn't help noting that there are a total	6	MS. GRANT: No, sir, nothing from
7	of 100 contract lawyers, 60 in one case and	7	Georgia.
8	40 in another, which tell me that you're	8	SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: From the
9	going to have an enormous volume of documents	9	United States?
10	when you're finished. I hope I hope, but	10	MR. GRAY: Briefly, if I may, I would
	I am not very confident, that that volume	11	like to address just the third-party requests
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12	will not be all introduced into evidence; but	12	to the United States, since you asked about
13	we'll see.	13	those. And we do think that for at least
14	So now, again, keeping in mind that the	14	some of the agencies, we are going to need
15	transcript will be on my docket, I'm going to	15	more than the 120 days. I have asked for
16	ask if you're continuing to talk about	16	updates from all the agencies. And the
17	settlement, but no details, please. Florida?	17	Department of Commerce, it sounds like, is
18	MR. PRIMIS: Yes, your Honor. Not a lot	18	very close to completing everything it needs
19	I can tell you other than we are certainly	19	to and expects at this point to meet and
20	aware of the Court's admonition to proceed	20	produce everything within 120 days. But
21	with settlement, and talks are continuing.	21	the other agencies, given the amount of
22	SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Georgia?	22	documents and the resources required and the
23	MS. GRANT: Yes, your Honor. This is	23	scope of the request expect that they're
24	Georgia's perspective as well.	24	going to need some more time for various
25	This is Britt Grant.	25	issues, particularly issues related to the
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2	motion for you. I expect that we will for at
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4	But I appreciate the hammer you have
5	given me which I can use a little bit.
6	SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: You can tell
7	them that the grumpy grouch is not inclined
8	to give anyone extensions at this point.
9	Is there anything further from Florida?
10	MR. WINSOR: No, sir.
11	SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Anything
12	further from Georgia?
13	MS. GRANT: No, your Honor, nothing further.
14	SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Well, thank
15	you again. I'm sorry to burden you with this
16	very brief and perhaps not awe-inspiring
17	conference, but I thought it better to keep
18	the schedule than to cancel it.
19	So we look forward to the next one.
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20	MR. WINSOR: Yes, sir. Thank you.
21	MR. PRIMIS: Thank you.
22	MS. GRANT: Thank you, sir.
23	SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Thank you.
24	(The telephone conference was concluded
25	at 10:09 a.m.)
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