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**BY EMAIL**

Ralph I. Lancaster, Jr.  
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Re: Pre-Trial Amicus Brief

Dear Special Master Lancaster:

Case Management Order 20, section 1.4, allows the United States to file a pre-trial amicus brief without further leave of the Court by October 21, 2016. I write to inform you that the United States will not be filing a pre-trial amicus brief. The United States will continue to monitor these proceedings and may seek leave to file a post-trial amicus brief if necessary.

Very truly yours,

s/Michael T. Gray

cc: Counsel for Florida  
Counsel for Georgia