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Honorable Julien X. Neals, U.S.D J.
United States District Court
Martin Luther King Bldg. & U.S. Courthouse
50 Walnut Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102

**Re: *De Souza-Ferreira v. Mayorkas*, No. 25-18142
Service of Habeas Answer**

Dear Judge Neals:

This Office represents Respondents in this habeas matter filed by *pro se* Petitioner Lucas De Souza-Ferreira, a noncitizen challenging the legality of his detention by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement at the Elizabeth Detention Center. Respondents timely filed their answer to the Petition on December 26, 2025. ECF No. 6. The Notice of Electronic Filing we received upon filing the answer states that the Clerk's Office notified Petitioner of the answer by regular mail due to his *pro se* status. We did not separately mail him a copy of the answer. Out of an abundance of caution, however, this Office mailed an additional copy of the answer today. We would, of course, consent to any extension of Petitioner's time to reply that the Court deems appropriate.

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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