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VIA ECF

The Honorable Jeffrey M. Bryan
United States District Judge
United States District Court
316 N. Robert Street
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: *Romero Masi cv Bondi et al.*,
No. 26-cv-00605 (JMB/DJF)

Judge Bryan,

I write to inform you that regrettably Mr. Romero Masi was released in Texas. On January 29, 2026, the Agency represented it would search for flights to return Petitioner to Minnesota as ordered by this Court. That is the information the undersigned counsel transmitted to this Court.

The undersigned counsel requested an update from the Agency at 1354 on January 30, 2026. The Agency updated the undersigned counsel at 1524 stating Petitioner had been released in El Paso, Texas based.

The undersigned counsel's representation to this Court the Agency was working on bringing Petitioner back to Minnesota was not an attempt to mislead the Court whatsoever, nor was the Agency's action to release Petitioner in Texas willful disregard for this Court's Order. However, it is undeniable the Agency did not comply with this Court's Order to bring Petitioner back to Minnesota.

The undersigned counsel makes no excuses and only wishes to express sincere remorse on how the events turned out in this case.

[SIGNATURE BLOCK FOLLOWS]

Very respectfully,

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s/ J. Cruz Rodriguez

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