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Honorable Nusrat J. Choudhury
United States District Court Judge
Eastern District of New York
100 Federal Plaza
Central Islip, New York 11722

Re: *Leon Rivas Velazquez v. Maldonado, et al.*
No. 26-cv-2796 (Choudhury, J.)

Dear Judge Choudhury:

This Office represents Respondents in the above-referenced action, in which Petitioner Leon Rivas Velazquez ("Petitioner") filed a Petition for a writ of habeas corpus on May 11, 2026, challenging his detention by Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"). *See* Dkt. # 1. Respondents respectfully write in response to the Electronic Order entered yesterday, May 18, 2026 (the "May 18, 2026 Order'), directing them to file a report by today, May 19, 2026, at 5 p.m., stating whether ICE has returned the two identification cards that it was holding for Petitioner.

Petitioner's counsel, Ian Eppler, Esq., has confirmed that he retrieved Petitioner's identification cards yesterday, May 18, 2026, from the ICE office at 201 Varick Street in Manhattan. Attorney Eppler further stated that he sent the identification cards to Petitioner at his home address, via Priority Mail.

Respondents thank the Court for its consideration of this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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