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Hon. Mitchell J. Katz
U.S. Magistrate Judge
U.S. Courthouse
Syracuse, NY 13261

Re: United States v. Luke Marshal Wenke
25-mj-1421

Dear Judge Katz:

Please allow this letter to serve as a status update in this case.

Defense has continued discussions with Assistant United States Attorney Eldridge who provided a draft factual basis to further the ongoing communication about a potential pre-indictment resolution. This has been reviewed with Mr. Wenke, and he would like to continue moving toward a pre-indictment resolution. Defense has indicated the same to Mr. Eldridge and parties will continue to communicate regarding the factual basis and plea agreement language as the formal plea agreement is being finalized.

I respectfully request this case be adjourned for status approximately 45 days with an expectation that a plea agreement will be provided for Mr. Wenke to review in full. Should he want to accept we can schedule a change of plea hearing in front of a district court judge.

Please consider this letter the defense's motion to exclude time from the Speedy Trial and Speedy Indictment clocks pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

Sincerely,



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