## UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

| HAROLD WEISBERG,             | :                     |
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| V.                           | Case No. 82-1229      |
| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  | 1/83                  |
| Appellant                    | : QIMIO'              |
| AND CONSOLIDATED CASE NO. 82 | 2-1274                |
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| HAROLD WEISBERG,             | •                     |
| ν.                           | :<br>Case No. 83-1722 |
| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  |                       |
| Appellant                    |                       |
| AND CONSOLIDATED CASE NO. 83 | -1764                 |

## JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND BRIEFING SCHEDULE BY SEVEN DAYS

The parties to the above consolidated cases jointly move this Court for an extension of seven days in the briefing schedule set forth in this Court's order of August 29, 1983, so that their respective briefs would be due on the following dates:

| Appellant's brief (Weisberg) to be served and filed:  | October 3 | 3, 1983  |
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| Appellee's/cross-appellant's<br>brief (Department) to be<br>served and filed:                 | November  | 2, 1983  |
| Appellant's reply brief and<br>cross-appellee's brief (Weis-<br>berg) to be served and filed: | December  | 2, 1983  |
| Cross-appellant's reply brief<br>(Department), if any, to be<br>served and filed:             | December  | 16, 1983 |
| Deferred Appendix:  | December  | 23, 1983 |
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This short extension in the briefing schedule is requested on the ground that Weisberg's counsel's obligations in other cases preclude his being able to file his initial appeal brief in these cases on September 26, 1983, as now scheduled. For example, he is now deeply preoccupied with work on pretrial briefs and motions in a complicated case involving age discrimination, contract and negligence claims, Prouty v. Amtrak, Civil Action No. 83-1422. These obligations will not allow Weisberg's counsel to even begin work on his appeal brief in the instant cases until September 22, 1983. This will leave only two working days in which to go over the record, research the issues, and write his appeal brief. Yet these appeals are the result of seven years of complex litigation and involve a record of several thousand pages.

For the foregoing reasons, the parties request that this joint motion for a seven-day extension of the briefing schedule be granted.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 14th day of September, 1983, mailed a copy of the foregoing Joint Motion to Extend Briefing Schedule by Seven Days to Mr. Leonard Schaitman, Chief, Appellate Section, Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530.

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