IN THE

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBRAECEIVED

JUN 25 1980

HAROLD WEISBERG,

CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

Appellant,

v.

Case No. 77-1831

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION,

Appellee

MOTION FOR AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY APPELLEE SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILING TO PAY AWARD OF COSTS

Comes now the appellant, Mr. Harold Weisberg, and moves the Court for an order directing appellee General Services Administration to show cause why it should not be held in contempt of Court for failing to pay him the costs awarded by this Court's order of October 25, 1979. In support of this motion, Weisberg represents to the Court as follows:

- 1. On March 29, 1979, Weisberg filed an Affidavit of Costs by Attorney which sought an award of \$522.06 for expenses incurred in connection with this appeal.
- 2. On April 9, 1979, the General Services Administration filed an Opposition to any award of costs.
- 3. On April 12, 1979, this Court awarded Weisberg costs in the amount of \$492.54.

- 4. On April 24, 1979, the General Services Administration (GSA) filed a motion for reconsideration of the award of costs. Weisberg countered by filing a motion to correct the bill of costs by increasing it to \$522.06, the amount which he had originally sought as his actual costs.
- 5. By its order of October 25, 1979, this Court denied the GSA's motion for reconsideration, granted Weisberg's motion to correct the bill of costs, and awarded Weisberg costs in the amount of \$522.06. (A copy of the Court's October 25, 1979, order is attached hereto.)
- 6. Today marks the <u>eighth</u> month since this Court issued its order awarding Weisberg costs in the amount of \$522.06. Weisberg has yet to receive so much as a penny of this sum.
- 7. Over the past six months, Weisberg's counsel has made numerous telephone calls to the attorneys representing GSA in an effort to "expedite" payment of the award of costs. Although apologies and explanations have been offered, the fact remains that Weisberg has not yet been paid and there is no assurance that he will be paid anytime during the remainder of the decade. In the time that has elapsed since Weisberg was awarded \$522.06 as costs the value of that sum has already eroded by more than 20 percent due to inflation and loss of interest. An earlier erosion of approximately the same amount had already been caused by the six month delay resulting from GSA's motion for reconsideration of the original award of costs.

Given these facts, there is ample reason for this Court to issue an order directing GSA to show cause why it should not be held in contempt of court for failing to make timely payment of the award of costs in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 25th day of June, 1980, mailed a copy of the foregoing Motion for an Order to Show Cause Why Appellee Should Not Be Held In Contempt of Court for Failing to Pay Award of Costs to Ms. Linda M. Cole, Attorney, Appellate Staff, Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530.

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