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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

SULEIMAN ABDULLAH SALIM, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

ORDER GRANTING MOTION
TO EXPEDITE

vs.

JAMES E. MITCHELL and JOHN
JESSEN,

Defendants.

BEFORE THE COURT is Plaintiffs' Motion to Expedite Consideration of Motion

to Extend/Compel (ECF No. 137) and the Motion to Extend or Compel Discovery (ECF No. 136). The Motion to Expedite states the deadline for fact discovery is February 17, 2017, and thus expedited consideration is necessary. It appears issues have arisen which Plaintiffs contend will require either an extension of the time to complete discovery, or an order compelling the completion of the depositions prior to the February 17, 2017 deadline. The two primary issues are: 1) the depositions of Jose A. Rodriguez and John A. Rizzo which have been previously scheduled and cancelled; and 2) the deposition and IME of Plaintiff Salim who was not allowed to travel to Dominica for his deposition. It appears from Plaintiffs' briefs and exhibits the parties are working to reschedule the Salim proceedings and Defendants may be amenable to extending the discovery deadline for those depositions to later in March.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Plaintiffs' Motion to Expedite (ECF No. 137) is **GRANTED**.

- 2. Defendants shall file a response to the Motion to Extend/Compel Discovery by no later than **Monday**, **February 6**, **2017**, **at 4:00 p.m**.
 - 3. A reply, if any, shall be filed no later than February 8, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

IT IS SO ORDERED. The Clerk shall enter this Order and furnish copies to counsel.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2017.

s/ Justin L. Quackenbush JUSTIN L. QUACKENBUSH SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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