

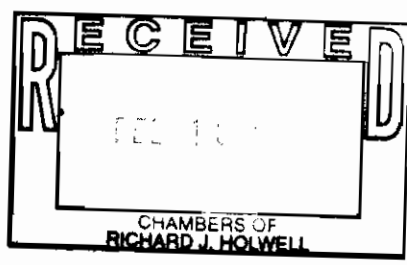


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VIA FACSIMILE
Hon. Richard J. Holwell
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 1950
New York, NY 10007

Re: Almontasser v. USCIS,
07 Civ. 11270 (RJH)

Dear Judge Holwell:

I write respectfully to request a sixty-day extension of time, from February 15 to April 15,
to respond to the complaint in the above-referenced civil action. This is the Government's first
request for an extension.

This is a complaint in which plaintiff challenges the delay by United States Citizenship
and Immigration Services ("CIS") in adjudication of his naturalization application within 120
days of examination. After the complaint was filed, this Office was informed by CIS that on
February 19, 2008, plaintiff is scheduled for an appointment with CIS to review his application.
Accordingly, we request a sixty-day extension of time to provide CIS additional time to
adjudicate Plaintiff's naturalization application. Plaintiff's counsel, Romben Aquino consents to
this request for an extension of time.

I thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

SO ORDERED
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Respectfully,

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