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Dear Counsel,

We have docketed the additional appeal filed 2/2/17 as shown above, and ask you to use the case number above in future inquiries.

Filings in this court are governed strictly by the Federal Rules of **Appellate** Procedure. We cannot accept motions submitted under the Federal Rules of **Civil** Procedure. We can address only those documents the court directs you to file, or proper motions filed in support of the appeal. See FED R. APP. P. and 5<sup>TH</sup> CIR. R. 27 for guidance. We will not acknowledge or act upon documents not authorized by these rules.

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Sealed documents, except for the presentence investigation report in criminal appeals, will not be included in the EROA. Access to sealed documents will continue to be provided by the district court only upon the filing and granting of a motion to view same in this court.

We recommend that you visit the Fifth Circuit's website, <u>www.ca5.uscourts.gov</u> and review material that will assist you during the appeal process. We especially call to your attention the Practitioner's Guide and the 5th Circuit Appeal Flow Chart, located in the Forms, Fees, and Guides tab. Sincerely,

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