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Dear Attorney Hilka:

I consent to holding Melton and Watson in abeyance pending negotiations.

Sincerely,

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Christina,

Thank you for the response and the intel on these cases. The clerk informed me that Bobby Watson cured his deficiency so his case is still pending. I also have John Melton who has a deadline of July 22 for his initial brief.

May we hold both of these cases in abeyance pending negotiations so we can hopefully resolve the claims? Let me know if you prefer chatting about this and I'll give you a ring. If you consent, then please send a responsive email stating you consent to holding John Melton **226507** and Bobby Watson **277427** in Abeyance pending Negotiations so I may inform the court.

Thanks for all your assistance and patience on this project!

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