

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES *ex rel.*)
ERVIN & ASSOCIATES,)
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Plaintiffs,)
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v.)
)
THE HAMILTON SECURITIES)
GROUP, INC. et al.)
)
Defendants.)
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_____)

Civil Action No. 96-CV-1258 (LFO)

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NANCY MAYER WHITTINGTON, CLERK
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

ORDER

On May 21, 1999, defendant Hamilton Securities' moved to unseal the entire file in this matter. On May 2, 2000, the United States filed a Notice to the Court with Respect to the Pending Motion to Unseal the File. In its filing, the United States stated that it did not object to the unsealing of the paper records contained in the sealed file located in this Court's clerk's office. In a May 5, 2000, letter, relator Ervin and Associates stated that it did not oppose the unsealing of the paper records. In its May 2 filing, the United States also requested that the transcripts of all status hearings in this case be partially unsealed to allow the United States to review them to determine if it opposed the unsealing of that portion of the transcripts. Defendant and relator have consented to the government's request.

Accordingly, it is this 23^d day of May 2000 hereby

ORDERED: that the paper records filed by the parties in this matter and located

in this Court's clerk's office be unsealed, and it is further

ORDERED: that the transcripts of any hearings now on file under seal be partially unsealed and made available only to the United States for the purpose of reviewing their content to determine its position with respect to defendant Hamilton Securities' motion to unseal, and it is further

ORDERED: that the United States shall notify this Court in writing of its position pertaining to the unsealing of hearing transcripts within 10 days of obtaining all of the transcripts; and it is further

ORDERED: that defendant Hamilton Securities shall have 10 days to reply in writing to the United States' position pertaining to the unsealing of hearing transcripts; and it is further

ORDERED: that a status conference is scheduled for September 12, 2000, at 10 a.m. in Courtroom 3.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE