

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT

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

Civil Action No.
1:98CV01258 (SS)
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~~FILED UNDER SEAL~~

ORDER

Currently pending before the Court is the United States' ex parte application to partially lift the seal in this case and a request by the United States to extend the seal in this matter for an additional sixty days until November 8, 1999. The United States has represented that counsel for relator Ervin & Associates, Inc., Wayne G. Travell, Esquire does not object to partially lifting the seal upon this case in the limited manner sought by the United States and that relator does not object to an extension of the seal for an additional sixty days. The Court having considered the ex parte application of the United States to partially lift the seal in this case and for an extension of

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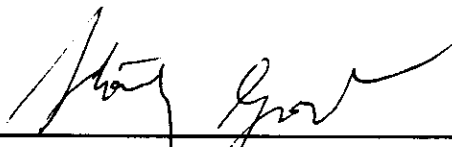
the seal for an additional sixty days and good cause having been shown,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the ex parte application of the United States is granted and the seal in this case is partially lifted for the limited purpose of allowing the United States to disclose, to defendants Goldman Sachs & Co, and Blackrock Capital Finance L.P. and counsel and agents for same, the substance of the allegations contained in the qui tam complaint, including the fact that the United States is investigating those allegations;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order, together with all filings made in this case to date, including but not limited to the qui tam complaint filed by relator, shall remain under seal until further order of the Court; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that except as provided herein, this matter shall remain under seal until further order of the Court.

Entered this 8 day of September, 1999.



THE HONORABLE STANLEY SPORKIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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