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Michael E. Gans

Clerk of Court

United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

Thomas F. Eagleton Courthouse

111 South 10th Street, Room 24.329

St. Louis, MO 63102

**Re: *John Smith, Petitioner, v. Merrick B. Garland, U.S. Attorney General, Respondent***

**Petitioner’s Status Report**

**No. 22-1234**

**Immigration File No. A012-345-678**

Dear Mr. Gans:

This letter serves as a status report in the above case in accordance with the request of this Court dated March 31, 2022. Previously, Petitioner filed a motion to hold the case in abeyance pending a decision on his motion to reconsider filed with the Board of Immigration Appeals. On May 31, 2022, at approximately 12:30 p.m., just before filing the instant Status Report, undersigned counsel checked the “Automated Case Information” system of the Executive Office for Immigration Review, of which the BIA is a component agency, and the case details page for Petitioner shows that the motion remains pending. Undersigned counsel has not received any further information or correspondence from the agency regarding the status of the case. Petitioner was removed to Mexico and is currently in Mexico.

Petitioner respectfully requests that the case continue to be held in abeyance, and Petitioner will file any status reports in the future as requested by this Court.

Petitioner anticipates that the Court would ordinarily order another status report due in two months. However, undersigned counsel expects to go on parental leave at the end of June, until early September. Undersigned counsel, therefore, respectfully requests that the next status report be due no sooner than September 12, 2022.

Sincerely,

s/ John Bruning

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