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In the United States Court of Federal Claims

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U.S. COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

(Filed: September 9, 2003)

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IN RE: CLAIMS FOR VACCINE INJURIES \*  
RESULTING IN AUTISM SPECTRUM \*  
DISORDER OR A SIMILAR \*  
NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER \*  
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VARIOUS PETITIONERS, \*  
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v. \*  
\*  
SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND \*  
HUMAN SERVICES, \*  
\*  
Respondent. \*  
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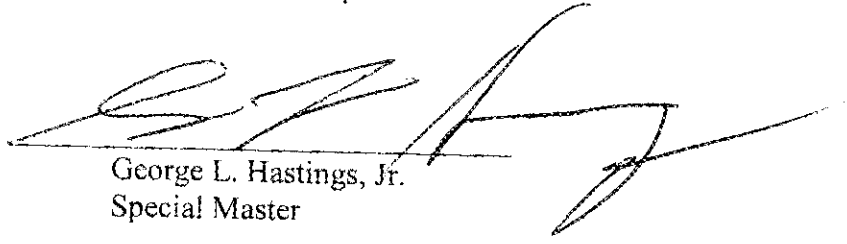
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ORDER

As previously noted, the special masters are considering the overall issue when "judgments" should be entered in Vaccine Act cases. To assist this review, I hereby request the views of both respondent and the Petitioners' Steering Committee concerning whether a judgment should be entered in one additional situation:

8. The special master dismisses the petition because it was not timely filed-- see 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-16(a).

I would appreciate having these views filed by September 24, 2003, if possible.

  
George L. Hastings, Jr.  
Special Master