

**DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
DIVISION OF ST. CROIX**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</b>	)	
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v.	)	
	)	<b>Civil Action No. 1986-0265</b>
<b>TERRITORY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, et al.,</b>	)	
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<b>Defendants.</b>	)	

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**ORDER**

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the United States’ “Notice of Objections to Staffing Plan and Request for a Status Conference” (Dkt. No. 949), Defendants’ Response thereto (Dkt. No. 951), and the United States’ Reply (Dkt. No. 952). In the Notice, the United States raises three objections to the Staffing Plan submitted by Defendants on December 30, 2015: (1) the Staffing Plan does not address the salary of corrections officers; (2) the Staffing Plan does not provide sufficient detail regarding recruitment and retention of corrections officers; and (3) the

Staffing Plan does not provide specificity or explain the relationship between the strategies proposed therein and the timeframe for completion. (*See* Dkt. No. 949).

In its Reply, the United States withdraws its request for a status conference on its second and third objections to the Staffing Plan, but maintains that a status conference is still necessary to resolve its first objection to the Staffing Plan—i.e., the Staffing Plan’s failure to address the salary of corrections officers. (*See* Dkt. No. 952 at 1, n.1).

**UPON CONSIDERATION** of the foregoing, and the entire record herein, it is hereby **ORDERED** that a hearing on the United States’ first objection to Defendants’ Staffing Plan shall be held on **March 17, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.** in STX Courtroom 1, immediately before the status conference currently scheduled in this matter; and it is further

**ORDERED** that any individuals deemed necessary by Defendants to respond to questions regarding the salary of corrections officers shall appear in person at the hearing; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the individuals appearing in person shall include Acting Chief Deputy Attorney General Joseph Ponteen and Emile Henderson, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel to the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

**SO ORDERED.**

Date: February 2, 2016

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WILMA A. LEWIS  
Chief Judge