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I apologize for the confusion. I do see the docket control order set the pre-trial conference on the 24<sup>th</sup>, however for judicial efficiency, the court will hear the pre-trial conference, Mtn to Exclude/Sanctions and Status Conference on Friday, the 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

Please be prepared to discuss all elements of trial and since there are a lot of issues to be taken up, the court will likely need to set another pre-trial immediately before trial in April.

Judge James Horwitz is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Ms. Vaso –

Apologies for the multiple e-mails and for perhaps misunderstanding, but here is what I have on my calendar –

2/24/22 – 10:00 a.m. – PreTrial Conference (in person per DCO of June 10, 2021, true?)

2/24/22 – 3:00 p.m. – Hearing on Motion to Exclude/Sanction per your earlier e-mail (Zoom? In-Person?)

2/25/22 – 3:00 p.m. – Status Conference regarding jury trial – off the record (per e-mails from Jan 19/20, 2022).

The Zoom invite refers to a Zoom hearing on the Motion to Exclude on 2/25 at 10:00 a.m., which seems to conflict with the above.

Again, apologizes if I am being dense, but I am definitely confused.

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Yes, please file a notice of hearing.

The court set a status conference on Friday, this is not the final pre-trial and it will be held remote via zoom.

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Ms. Vaso –

Thank you for the response. Does a formal Notice of Hearing need to be filed? All 401 counsel and the pro-se party are on this e-mail string, so in that sense everyone has notice.

Also, can you or Judge Comstock confirm that the PreTrial Conference and the Hearing will be in-person at the Courthouse? The Docket Control Order from June 2021 indicates that the PreTrial Conference will be in-person, and I know that some Courts have started resuming in-person hearings.

Considering the breadth of issues to be addressed, the Co-Trustees preference is that the Conference and the Hearing be in-person, if the Court will allow it.

Thank you,

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Good morning,

I have set the Motion to Exclude/ Sanctions on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

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Ms. Vaso –

Yesterday the Co-Trustees filed a Motion to Exclude Testimony/Motion for Sanctions & Third Contempt pertaining to Candace Curtis. Given the overlap between it and issues likely to be discussed during this week’s Pre-Trial Conference, will the Motion be considered during the Conference, or is a separate hearing needed? If the latter, when can the Court accommodate us?

Please note that in the event the Co-Trustees’ pending MSJ is granted, we would not need a hearing on the Motion to Exclude and the scope of what is likely to be discussed during the Pre-Trial Conference would also likely be similarly narrowed.

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