

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NO. CIV-01-0072 BB/WWD

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENGINEER, et al.,

Defendants.

**MOTION BY DEFENDANT PAUL PETRANTO TO  
REVOKE REFERENCE TO SPECIAL MASTER AND  
TO STAY FURTHER PROCEEDINGS BEFORE SPECIAL MASTER**

Defendant Paul Petranto, by and through his defense counsel, William G. Stripp, hereby objects to the reference to a special master, and respectfully requests that this Court revoke its Order of Reference, dated March 12, 2001 ("Order of Ref."), and stay further proceedings before the special master until the propriety of the reference is resolved.

This motion is based upon the notice provided by this motion, the brief in support of this motion filed concurrently herewith, and on such oral argument and documentary evidence as will be presented at the hearing of this motion.

Date: March 16, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

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