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15 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

16 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

17 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

18 Plaintiff,

19 v.

20 IPPEI MIZUHARA,

21 Defendant.

No. 8:24-cr-00054-JWH

GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION OF
 INTEREST OF SHOHEI OHTANI IN
 CERTAIN FORFEITABLE PROPERTY

22 On September 19, 2024, the Court entered a Preliminary Order of
 23 Forfeiture pursuant to plea agreement whereby Defendant Ippei
 24 Mizuhara's interest in certain property was ordered forfeited to the
 25 United States of America. (Docket Number 52.)

26 In the ancillary proceeding, Shohei Ohtani ("Ohtani") claims an
 27 interest in the following property:

- 28 i. Collectible sports cards found in silver and black
 Panopply case;
- ii. Collectible sports cards found in gray Panopply case;
- iii. Box containing collectible sports cards;

1 iv. Card wrap device; and

2 v. Plastic card protectors/holders (collectively, the
3 "Forfeitable Property").

4 1. Ohtani holds a valid pre-existing interest in the
5 Forfeitable Property as title to the Forfeitable Property was vested
6 in Ohtani at the time of the commission of the acts which gave rise
7 to the forfeiture. 21 U.S.C. § 853(n) (6) (A).

8 2. A hearing on Ohtani's petition is not necessary, as the
9 Government does not contest Ohtani's interest in the Forfeitable
10 Property. Once the forfeiture of the defendant's interest is made
11 final at sentencing, the Government will move for an order amending
12 the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture to reflect Ohtani's superior
13 interest in the property.

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16 Dated: December 2, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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