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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | : | |
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| v. | : | |
| | : | Case No. 21-cr-579 (DLF) |
| BRANDON STRAKA | : | |
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| Defendant. | : | |

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE
SENTENCING-RELATED PLEADING UNDER SEAL**

NOW INTO COURT comes the United States of America, through the undersigned Assistant United States Attorney, and respectfully moves for leave to have this Honorable Court seal the government’s supplemental sentencing memorandum. This Court previously granted the government’s request for the sealing of the joint motion to continue the sentencing. The government’s previous concerns for the safety of the defendant remain.

The defendant has been contacted by individuals who believe that he is cooperating with the government. Additionally, media outlets have also reported that the defendant is indeed cooperating with the government. The government’s supplemental sealed sentencing memorandum contains information detail the defendant’s cooperation. This information is necessary for the Court to assess the defendant’s level of cooperation with the government prior to fashioning a sentence in this matter. The government is concerned that if this sensitive information is made known to the public, not only may the information potentially jeopardize the defendant’s safety, but it may also impact the integrity of ongoing investigations and prosecutions currently being conducted by the United States.

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ORDER

Considering the foregoing motion and for the reasons stated in the accompanying sentencing-related pleading;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the government’s motion for leave to file the accompanying sentencing-related pleading under seal is hereby **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this motion and order be **SEALED** and that copies of the instant motion and the sentencing-related pleading be provided only to the U.S. Attorney's Office, the defense attorney, and United States Probation.

Filed this 13th day of January, 2022.

HONORABLE DABNEY L. FRIEDRICH
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE