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## **VIA ECF**

The Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan United States District Court Southern District of New York Daniel Patrick Moynihan 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

Re: E. Jean Carroll v. Donald J. Trump

22 Civ. 10016 (LAK)

Dear Judge Kaplan:

We are in receipt of the Court's Order filed earlier today (ECF No. 28) regarding the unsealing of portions of Defendant's deposition transcript. While we are aware of the Court's Individual Practices, our office did not file a response within the three-day deadline based on the Court's Order dated December 20, 2022, which stated that the motion to seal was "granted without prejudice any contention by *plaintiff* that sealing of the excerpts from defendant's deposition should not be sealed." *See* ECF No. 17 (emphasis added). We had understood the December 20, 2022 order to place the burden on plaintiff to explain why unsealing of the confidential deposition transcript was necessary; this position was practical, in our view, since the excerpts were filed in connection with a proposed discovery plan and related solely to issues that were uncontested by the parties.

Based on the above, in light of the Court's Order clarifying its position, we respectfully request three days to file a letter opposing the unsealing of Defendant's deposition excepts.

We thank the Court for its attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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