

Robert V. Paeg

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John,

- (1) Spritzer's main thesis is that the case might be decided on "narrower grounds" - as we all know - but I am honestly uncertain as to the meaning of his last sentence.
- (2) I am not entirely certain as to how involved the AG wants Spritzer to be. If you are going to have to tell the AG what Spritzer recommends, a memorandum (or telephone call) might be necessary.
- (3) I spoke to Dave Norman and John Kirby about this response.

Owen Fiss

Ralph S. Spritzer
Acting Solicitor General

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John Doar
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Intervention in Sobol v. Perez

I appreciate your prompt response on our memorandum recommending that the Department intervene in Sobol v. Perez. We have recognized all along that there are narrower grounds for deciding this case and the court might well choose such a ground. However, we nevertheless thought it important to intervene in this case and to seek a decision on the broader proposition of law. Quite frankly, I am uncertain from your memorandum as to whether you agree or disagree with that recommendation, in light of the factors discussed in your memorandum, and I would still very much appreciate having your recommendation.

cc: Doar
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Norman
Kirby