

IN THE MATTER OF RETURN OF SURRENDERED PASSPORTS UPON CONVICTION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 92

The Office of General Counsel of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, in consultation with the United States State Department, has recommended that passports that are surrendered as a condition of release shall be returned to the State Department upon conviction in a criminal case. Under 22 CFR 51.9, a passport remains the property of the United States and shall be returned to the Government "upon demand." While the United States State Department has chosen not to issue a formal "demand" for passports, except in specific individual circumstances, it requests that a passport be forwarded to it whenever it will no longer be useable in any practical sense.

IT IS ORDERED that, unless otherwise directed by the Court, passports surrendered to the United States Pretrial Services

Office as a condition of release shall be returned to the United States State Department upon conviction. When the conviction results in a sentence of six months or less of Court supervision, the passport shall be forwarded to the United States Probation

Department. Where the case is dismissed or results in an acquittal, the passport shall be returned to the defendant upon receipt of the notice of dismissal or acquittal. DATED this dayof LLOYD D. GEORGE Chief United States District Judge United States District Judge PHILIP M. PRO United States District Judge United States District Judge