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The parties will be strictly held to the time required by the Rules unless they receive permission from the Court in advance. All service of process must be completed within the 120 days allowed by Fed.R.Civ.P. 4(m). Process served using the provisions of Fed.R.Civ.P. 4(d) should require an answer under Rule 4(d)(2)(F) of not more than 40 days.

While this case is extremely bulky and the plaintiffs, for whatever reason, have chosen to name a record number of defendants, the issues involving each separate defendant do not appear, at this time, to be particularly complex. The District Court has set a trial date for this matter and the Magistrate Judge intends to conduct the scheduling necessary to meet the District Court's trial date.

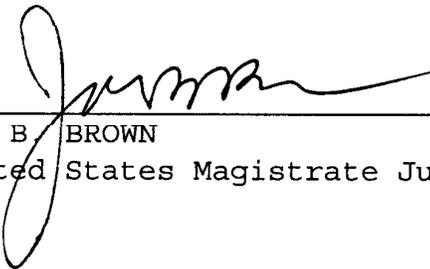
Because of the size of the case, a formal case management conference has not been set at this time. Nevertheless, under Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(f), the parties will need to conduct a conference for the purpose of planning for discovery and to propose deadlines for the mandatory disclosures of Rule 26(a), and to prepare a scheduling order as required by Fed.R.Civ.P. 16(b).

The plaintiffs are directed by **June 15, 2001**, to notify the Magistrate Judge of a proposed date by which they can convene

the Rule 26(f) conference and a date by which the parties will be able to submit a case management scheduling order.

The Clerk is **directed** to serve a copy of this Order on (a) the parties bringing and/or opposing the subject motion ruled upon, and (2) as provided in the District Court's Order (Docket Entry No. 2) entered May 8, 2001.

It is so **ORDERED**.

  
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JOE B. BROWN  
United States Magistrate Judge