

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

JOHN F. KNIGHT, JR., ET AL.,

Plaintiffs and
Plaintiff Intervenors,

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER

CV-83-M-1676-S

v.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, ET AL.,

Defendants

ORDER

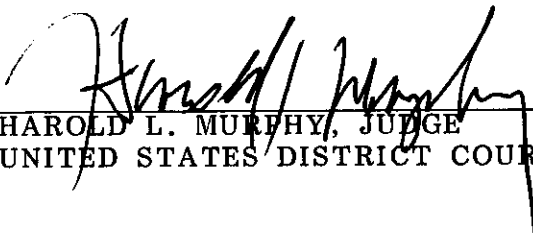
The Court has received from Mr. Gonzalez a letter indicating that the parties have been unable to reach an agreement on the terms of a settlement to ultimately conclude this litigation. A copy of Mr. Gonzalez' letter is attached.

ACCORDINGLY, objections, if any, to the termination of the Remedial Decrees shall be due November 30, 2005. The objections shall include a proposed discovery schedule and a brief description of the nature of discovery to be sought.

Responses to the objections shall be due January 6, 2006. The responses shall also include a section briefly describing the nature of any discovery to be sought and a proposed discovery schedule.

After considering the positions of the parties, the Court will set an appropriate discovery schedule.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this the 31st day of October, 2005.


HAROLD L. MURPHY, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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(VIA FACSIMILE)

The Honorable Harold L. Murphy
United States District Judge
United States District Court for the
Northern District of Georgia
P.O. Box 53
Rome, Georgia 30161-0053

Re: *John F. Knight, Jr., et al., v. The State of Alabama, et al.*, CV83-M-1676.

Dear Judge Murphy:

Despite the good faith involvement of all concerned, I am disappointed to report that attempts to reach a mediated conclusion to the Knight case have ended without success. The obstacles to an agreement are just too great to overcome at this time.

We made significant progress on many issues, and I have encouraged the parties to continue their discussions over the days and weeks ahead. Resolution in the future may yet be possible, but at this juncture continued discussion on the issues that separate the parties will not, I think, yield an agreement.

I thank the Court for its patience and for allowing these discussions to unfold in an orderly fashion.

Very truly yours,



C. A. González