

Ruling – Motions to Quash Certain s. 13 Notices

On August 9 and 10, 2005, I heard a number of motions brought by recipients of Section 13 Notices seeking to quash the notices. I heard the motions *in camera* because the parties indicated that they would need to refer to information covered by the government's NSC claims in arguing the motions.

I dismissed all of the motions with written reasons. I have asked Commission Counsel to meet with counsel for the parties involved to discuss providing enhanced details, if possible, of some of the paragraphs in some of the notices.

I have asked the parties to the motions and the Government to include in their closing submissions, if they wish, submissions about whether my ruling, subject to National Security Confidentiality claims, should be made public. I invite any other parties to make submissions in writing about publication of my ruling by September 30, 2005.

August 17, 2005

« Dennis O'Connor »

Date

Commissioner Justice Dennis O'Connor