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Charles Hobson asked me to fax this minute to you.

Any payment to the plaintiffs which is linked to the court proceedings and brings them to an end, runs the risk of being seen as an admission of liability by the government. This will be so, it seems to me, even if there is a statement, agreed with the plaintiffs, that the payment is made without liability being admitted.

Any payment which is not linked to the court proceedings and does not bring them to an end, by definition will not prevent a plaintiff or plaintiffs continuing with the proceedings.

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