

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

KASIPPILLAI MANOHARAN, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

PERCY MAHENDRA RAJAPAKSA,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 11-235 (CKK)

ORDER

(December 30, 2011)

Presently before the Court is Defendant's [9] Motion to Solicit Views of the United States. Defendant's motion requests that the Court solicit the United States' views as to (1) Defendant's entitlement to Head of State immunity and foreign official immunity from suit; (2) the justiciability of Plaintiffs' claims under the political question doctrine; and (iii) the applicability of the Act of State doctrine to bar adjudication of Plaintiffs' claims. The Court finds that it would benefit from the views of the United States, should it desire to provide them.

Accordingly, it is, this 30th day of December, 2011, hereby

ORDERED that by no later than January 13, 2011, the United States shall indicate to the Court whether or not it intends to file a Statement of Interest regarding the issues identified in Defendant's motion, and if so, a date by which the State of Interest shall be filed.

SO ORDERED.

/s/

COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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