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## Motoryacht Amadea - New Kerimov Family Testimony Refutes DOJ Allegations

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I represent Eduard Khudainatov, the rightful owner of the motoryacht Amadea.

The following statement can be attributed to Adam Ford, lead counsel for the claimants:

"For the past two and a half years, the U.S. government has justified its unlawful seizure of the Amadea by alleging that the boat was owned by Suleiman Kerimov. Now, for the first time, Kerimov family members have come forward to provide statements under penalty of perjury that refute the government's baseless claims. The boat was never sold to anyone.

"Mr. Khudainatov is, and always has been, the rightful owner of the Amadea. We will continue to provide the court with the truth and remain confident that the boat will be returned to him."

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Newly public filings with the court, which can be provided upon request, include the following:

1. A letter to the court supplementing the claimants' reply to the government's motion to strike, which provides an overview of four important supporting exhibits:
  - a. The declaration of Gulnara Kerimova stating that she chartered the Amadea, but that she did not buy the vessel nor did any member of her family. The charter agreement is also included among the filings.
  - b. The declaration of Alisa Gadzhieva stating that the loan she made to Evgeniy Kochman was not connected to the Amadea, but an investment in Mr. Kochman's business.
  - c. The declaration of Evgeniy Kochman stating that the Errigal arrangement was a temporary use deal that did not involve transfer of ownership of the Amadea at any time.
  - d. An excerpted copy of the transcript of the deposition of Professor Ewan McKendrick, the government's own expert, whose testimony plainly contradicts the propositions that the government ascribes to him and establishes beyond dispute that the claimant has standing in this action to challenge the government's forfeiture claim.

Please contact me to request any of the aforementioned exhibits.

Thank you.

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