IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

5 JANE DOE I, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

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LIU QI, et al.,

Defendants.

PLAINTIFF A, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

XIA DEREN, et al.,

Defendants.

No. C 02-0672 CW (EMC) No. C 02-0695 CW (EMC)

ORDER ADOPTING THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

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Plaintiffs in these two related cases are Falun Gong practitioners who claim that acts of Defendants, local government officials of the People's Republic of China, violated the Alien Tort Claims Act (ATCA) and the Torture Victims Protection Act After Defendants failed to file a responsive pleading, the Clerk entered default. Plaintiffs filed a motion for default judgment in both cases. The Court referred the motions to Magistrate Judge Chen, who issued a Report and Recommendation.

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Upon the Court's request, the United States Department of State filed a statement of interest in each case, expressing its concerns with the Report and addressing Plaintiffs' objections to The United States asked the Court to stay this case pending the Supreme Court's forthcoming ruling in Sosa v. Alvarez-Machain, __ U.S. __, 124 S.Ct 2739 (2004), and the Court did so. Then it ordered supplemental briefing from the parties and requested a further statement of interest from the United States in light of <u>Sosa</u>. The Court then referred the matter back to Magistrate Judge Chen for an amended report in the light of Sosa. Plaintiffs filed objections to the Amended Report. Having reviewed the Magistrate Judge's Amended Report and all of the papers filed by the parties and the United States, the Court finds the Report correct, well-reasoned and thorough. The Report adequately considers and properly rejects the arguments advanced by Plaintiffs in their objections. In addition, the Report properly addresses the concerns expressed by the United States.

Thus, the Court OVERRULES Plaintiffs' objections and adopts the Amended Report in its entirety. The Court DENIES Plaintiffs' motion for <u>de novo</u> determination of this matter. Judgment shall enter accordingly.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated:

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United States District Judge

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