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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Robert E. Anderson

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SUBJECT: Supplemental Report on Developments in the Counsel's Office Since March 31,

2005

In <u>Raefski v. Town of Harrison</u>, Dkt. No. HUD-L-6557-04, an individual employee filed a Superior Court action seeking to vacate an interest arbitration award. The plaintiff named as defendants his employer, his majority representative, and the interest arbitrator. The defendants filed motions to dismiss; they asserted that the Commission was the exclusive forum for appealing awards; an individual employee lacked standing to appeal an award; this appeal was untimely; and the arbitrator is entitled to immunity. The plaintiff did not respond to these actions so the oral argument scheduled for April 29 will not be held. The motions will be decided on the papers.

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