

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES - GENERAL

Case No. 5:25-cv-03353-RGK-JDE Date January 20, 2026

Title Cuong Tu Hong v. Kristi Noem, et al.

Present: The Honorable John D. Early, United States Magistrate Judge

Amber Rodriguez

n/a

Deputy Clerk

Court Reporter / Recorder

Attorneys Present for Petitioner:

Attorneys Present for Respondent:

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Proceedings: (In Chambers) Order Directing Counsel to Confer and File Joint Status Report Within 14 Days

On December 12, 2025, Cuong Tu Hong (“Petitioner”), through counsel, filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, challenging his detention by immigration authorities, seeking his release from custody. Dkt. 1 (“Petition”) at 7. On December 29, 2025 the Honorable R. Gary Klausner, United States District Judge, granted Petitioner’s Request for Preliminary Injunction and ordered, among other things, Petitioner’s “immediate release” with a reinstatement of his prior order of supervision. Dkt. 15 (“Order”). In connection with the briefing on the Request for Preliminary Injunction, Respondent advised that did not file a brief in opposition and further averred that Petitioner’s release “would moot the other requested relief.” Dkt. 16. Separately, although ordered to file an answer to the Petition by January 6, 2026 (see Dkt. 8 at 1-2), Respondents did not timely file an answer or seek additional time in which to do so.

In light of the Order, Respondents’ failure to timely respond to the Petition, and Respondents’ stated view the release of Petitioner has rendered the Petition “moot,” the Court directs counsel for the parties to, within 14 days, (1) confer telephonically as to whether there can be a stipulated resolution to this matter in light of the Order and (2) file a Joint Status Report stating whether a stipulated resolution is anticipated and, if no such resolution can be reached, to specify what issues remain to be decided in the Petition.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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