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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

**FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

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**MISCELLANEOUS ORDER NO. 51**

The Clerk's Office retains passports that have been surrendered by criminal defendants after conviction. Absent an express order by the Court, there are no provisions for the ultimate disposition of passports once surrendered. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that a defendant's passport be returned to the State Department one year from the date of conviction or upon expiration of the passport, whichever occurs first. This retention period may be modified by order of the District Judge or Magistrate Judge. Passports shall be mailed to the State Department, Office of Passport Policy and Advisory Services. It is also ORDERED that the transfer be noted on the appropriate criminal docket sheet.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: January 9, 1996

Jerry Buchmeyer

JERRY BUCHMEYER, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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