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#### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

RELEVANT FACTS

On April 2, 2004 the Court ordered as follows:

The Court orders that a modification to the safe harbor order shall be that an ex parte hearing must be calendared, whether the parties agree or disagree on the content of any responsive statement that either side wishes to make to some information that's out in the public sector; that the proposed written statement would be lodged with the Court for an In Camera review by the Court and then returned to the parties with either a denial, not allowing them to use that statement, or permission to use the statement, the understanding of the permission to be clearly stated in any release; that the Court is only making a finding that they're not in violation of the gag order by releasing that statement, not that it approves or disapproves the content of the statement; that if it became a lot of trips to the Courthouse, the Court would reconsider a different way of handling it; that this shall be the final order, completing the gag order.

(April 2, 2004 minute order at p. 2.)

Dated: April 23, 2004

Given the likelihood of a media frenzy following the upcoming April 30, 2004 hearing in this matter, Mr. Jackson submits the attached proposed statements (Exhibit A) to be released immediately following the hearing.

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FOR RELEASE IMMEDIATELY AFTER MICHAEL JACKSON'S ARRAIGNMENT IN SANTA MARIA. CALIFORNIA ON FRIDAY, **APRIL 30, 2004** 

#### STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED BY MICHAEL JACKSON'S ATTORNEYS FOLLOWING MR. JACKSON'S ARRAIGNMENT ON FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2004

Mr. Jackson has entered a plea of not guilty to the charges contained in the Indictment.

Mr. Jackson and his attorneys are extremely confident that after a trial on these charges Mr. Jackson will be fully exonerated as the allegations contained In the indictment are patently false.

Michael Is looking forward to his day in Court and has great confidence in the ludicial system. Michael wishes to thank the millions of fans throughout the world who continue to support him. Their support and love is deeply appreclated. Michael wants everyone to know that he is fine, he is doing well, keeping very busy being Michael Jackson, the world's greatest recording artist. He continues to remain upbeat throughout this difficult ordeal because he knows in his heart that he is completely innocent,

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### STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED BY MICHAEL JACKSON FOLLOWING MR. JACKSON'S ARRAIGNMENT ON FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2004

I am completely innocent of the charges in this case. I am very confident that at the end of these legal proceedings I will be completely exonerated.

I want to thank all of the millions of people who continue to support me and tell them how much their love and understanding means to me during this difficult time in my life. Thank you all very much.

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