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Final submissions of the Government of the French Republic

The Government of the French Republic requests the Tribunal, rejecting all submissions to the contrary made on behalf of the State of Belize,

- 1. First, to note that the Application for prompt release filed on 21 March 2001 on behalf of Belize is not admissible, that, be that as it may, the Tribunal has no jurisdiction to entertain the Application and that it must, therefore, be rejected.
- 2. Alternatively, to adjuge and declare that the conditions normally governing the adoption by the Tribunal of a decision concerning prompt release upon the posting of a reasonable bond have not been fulfilled under the circumstances of this case and that, therefore, the Application by the Applicant should be denied.

Hamburg, 6 April 2001

(Signed) F. ALABRUNE The Agent of the Government of the French Republic