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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

In re

WASHINGTON GROUP
INTERNATIONAL, INC., et al.,

Debtors.

Case No. BK-N- 01-31477
Chapter 11

ORDER UNDER
11 U.S.C. § 105(a)
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PRE-
PETITION OBLIGATIONS TO
FOREIGN VENDORS AND GOVERN-
MENTAL ENTITIES

Hearing Date: May 14, 2001
Hearing Time: 1:00 p.m.

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Upon the motion, dated May 13, 2001 (the "Motion"),¹ of
the above-captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (the
"Debtors"), for an order under 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) authorizing
Debtor to pay prepetition obligations to foreign vendors and

All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein
shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

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governmental entities; and upon the Affidavit of Stephen G. Hanks in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Orders, sworn to on May 13, 2001; and upon the record of the hearing on the Motion; and after due deliberation thereon; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby

FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT:

A. The relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates and creditors;

B. Authorizing the Debtors to pay the Foreign Claims is necessary and essential to the Debtors' going concern value and their successful reorganization, provided however, that the funds paid pursuant to this Order shall not exceed \$9.7 million;

C. Failure to authorize the payment of the Foreign Claims by the Debtors will result in a significant decrease in the Debtors' going concern value and adversely impact the Debtors' ability to successfully reorganize; and

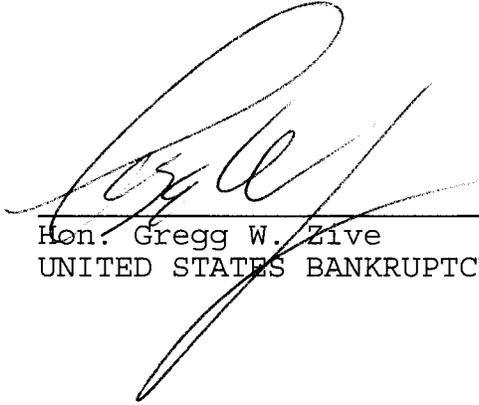
D. Failure to authorize the payment of the Foreign Claims by the Debtors will result in irreparable harm to the Debtors and the Debtors' employees as a result of the actions that the Foreign Entities may take against the Debtors on account of their prepetition claims; and it is therefore

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ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. The Debtors are authorized to pay the prepetition obligations due and owing to the Foreign Entities in the ordinary course of business.

Dated: Reno, Nevada
May 14, 2001



Hon. Gregg W. Zive
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE