

United States of America,	*
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Defendant-Appellee,	*
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v.	*
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One Parcel of Real Property	*
Located at 2130 and 2132 North	*
Washington, Bismarck, North	*
Dakota, with Buildings,	*
Appurtenances and Improvements,	*
Known as Lot Three (3), Block	*
Two (2), Marian Park Second,	*
Burleigh County, North Dakota;	*
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Defendant,	*
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Mark A. Doll,	*
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Claimant-Appellant.	*

Submitted: July 12, 1996

Filed: August 8, 1996

Before FAGG, LAY, and HEANEY, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Mark A. Doll appeals the district court's orders denying Doll's requests for attorney's fees and expenses. The parties' briefs thoroughly discuss the merits of the underlying civil forfeiture proceedings, and we need not repeat what they have said to decide whether there was substantial justification for the Government's position. Having considered the record and the parties' briefs, we conclude the Government's position was substantially justified within the meaning of the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d). We thus affirm the district court.

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