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Colleagues, for your information:

The AP reports Thursday's ruling by Justice Marco Aurelio Mello is the result of a petition by the boy's Brazilian family that he remain in Brazil until the court decides whether the boy's own testimony should be heard in the case. The ruling suspends a Wednesday judgment by a lower court ordering that David Goldman be given custody of his son, Sean. Because the Court goes into recess tomorrow, a ruling on whether the boy's testimony should be heard is not likely before February. Media report the boy is expected to remain in Brazil at least until then.

Regards, H.

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