#### IN THE

### SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

# AMICUS CURIE IN FAVOR OF O CENTRO ESPIRITA UNIAO DO VEGETAL DOCKET #04-1084

## APPENDIX A

## AFFIDAVIT-4

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[Domestic Mail Manual sec 122.32]

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

I, Right Reverend Smiley James Harris, ordained by the Universal Life Church; founder, administrator, and pastor of the "Church of the Greater Faith and Redemption"; am a Citizen of the California Republic, holding domicile in the city of Lucerne, for the County of Lake.

I accept mail at the following address: P.O. Box 87; Lucerne, California Republic, USA; Zip Code Exempt [Domestic Mail Manual §122.32]. I am over the age of eighteen and I do knowingly and intelligently compose this affidavit.

I affirm under penalty of perjury as defined under the laws of the State of California that the following Affadavit is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I make this statement for the sole purpose of notifying the Supreme Court for the United States of America of the Plain Errors of fact and law contained in the decisions currently under review by this Court in <u>Gonzalez</u> vs. <u>O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal</u>, docket Number 04-1084 as set forth in the Amicus Curie Brief to which this Affadavit is attached.

I make this statement supporting the O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal Church in the decisions of the lower courts which interpret the Religious Freedoms and Restoration Act of 1993 ["RFRA"], as codified in Title 42 U.S.C. §2000bb et al; to mean that any sincere act of religious exercise which is substantially burdened by any law must be justified by the government upon proofs that the facts support a "palpable threat" to public health and safety of such magnitude so as to support a compelling interest on the part of government to regulate the act of religious exercise.

Further, I support the interpretation of RFRA as applied to the O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal Church to hold the government to the burden of proving that the least restrictive means of regulation has been employed to regulate that sincere act of religious exercise, which is found to have caused the compelling interest on the part of the government.

I support the interpretation of RFRA which holds RFRA as applicable to all laws. I understand RFRA provides an exemption from all laws for sincere religious exercise, and provides exemptions from international treaties affirmed by the United States Senate and is as otherwise effective upon my actions as a Citizen of the California state Republic, a member of the United States of America.

#### FURTHER;

I stipulate that I regularly use, posses, cultivate and/or transfer and/or acquire cannabis as part of my sincere religious exercise.

I stipulate that I am substantially burdened by the federal drug laws that restrict my cultivation, possession, use, transfer and/or acquisition of cannabis for the sincere religious exercise of myself, and my congregation.

My use of cannabis enables me to reach a greater positive understanding and peaceful involvement with my fellow man, as is the will my GOD.

My GOD empowers me through my use of cannabis to achieve greater levels of control over the weaknesses of the flesh and human nature.

My GOD empowers me through my use of cannabis which allows me to form a greater communion of mind, body and spirit. This enables me to interact from a positive center of peace, enabling and building strong family and social interaction skills.

My use of cannabis empowers me so as I am able to maintain a relationship with my GOD which forever brings me closer to my GOD.

FURTHER, I wish to inform this Court that the Federal governments denials of religious accommodations has reached alarming levels.

Case#C-05-0566 VRW in the Northern District Court of California (currently on appeal) is similar to the case at Amicus Curie. However, the plaintiffs (myself, and two others) in Case#C-05-0566 VRW have been repeatedly (three times) invaded by the federal government, despite the fact that the location is a recognized church; infringing under Title 42 U.S.C. 2000cc, et seq.

Case#C-05-0751 MJJ also in the Northern District Court of California (pending) addresses the federal governments denial of religious accommodations as pertaining to identification, so as to deny plaintiff (myself) access to the court, the court clerks offices, and access to the building on the presumption of federal jurisdiction.

I respectfully request the Supreme Court of the United States to affirm the interpretation of RFRA that is made in the Amicus Curie Brief to which this Affidavit is attached.

I affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief as indicated by my signature below.

Dated: September 5, 2005

Signed

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