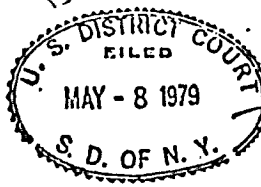


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :
Plaintiff, :
-against- :
R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO COMPANY, :
Defendant. :

ORDER

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Defendant R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company having moved this Court on March 20, 1979 for an order pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404 transferring this action to the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, and oral argument having been heard, it is

ORDERED that the motion be, and it hereby is, denied.

Dated: New York, New York

May 7, 1979

John M. Carmella
United States District Judge

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