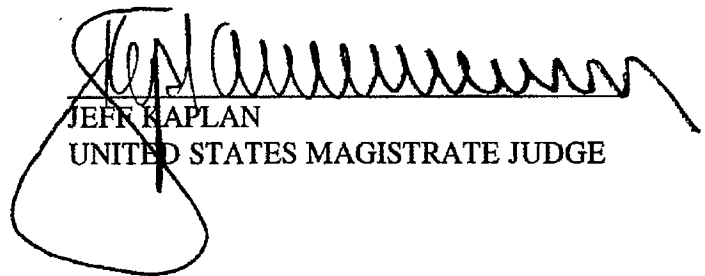


488 F.2d 714 (5th Cir. 1974). However, the Receiver has charged a total of seven hours of travel time at his full rate of \$275.00 per hour.¹ The Court finds that this is excessive. Instead, travel time should be billed at no more than half the customary and usual hourly rate. In order to compensate for this excessive charge, the Court will reduce the total fee award from \$8,755.50 to \$7,793.00

Accordingly, the fee application is approved as modified. The Receiver is authorized to pay the law firm of Quilling, Selander, Cummiskey & Lownds, P.C. the sum of \$7,793.00 in fees and \$23.01 in expenses for services performed and costs incurred in this case from December 1, 2001 through February 28, 2002. All payments shall be charged to the Hammersmith Trust Estate.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: April 19, 2002.


JEFF KAPLAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

¹ The Receiver traveled from Dallas to Pensacola, Florida to obtain an affidavit from B. David Gilliland in support of his motion for summary judgment.