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A federal judge yesterday ordered the developer Larry A. Silverstein and his insurers to arbitration on Nov. 6 to try to settle their battle over billions of dollars in insurance proceeds for rebuilding at the World Trade Center site. If the process fails, Judge Michael B. Mukasey said, the first of what could be three successive trials will begin in February. Mr. Silverstein's lawyer, Herbert M. Wachtell, expressed reservations about the proposed arbitrator, John S. Martin, a retired federal judge. He said Mr. Martin was a friend of his but had ruled against Mr. Silverstein in earlier stages of the case. But Mr. Wachtell agreed to the choice when Judge Mukasey said that "you couldn't conceivably have anyone better to mediate this case." Charles V. Bagli (NYT)

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