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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT TX EASTERN-BEAUTIONT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

BY David Maland

GENERAL ORDER APPOINTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE MERIT SELECTION PANEL

United States Magistrate Judge Wendell Radford has announced his retirement effective September 2004. This will create a vacant U.S. magistrate judge position with a duty station in Beaumont, Texas. Accordingly, in conformance with 28 U.S.C. § 631, it is hereby ORDERED that the following persons are appointed to serve on a Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel:

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The above-mentioned panel shall review each applicant's qualifications in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States. See Appendix H, The Selection and Appointment of United States Magistrate Judges (Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, April 2002). Within ninety days of the date of this order (preferably sooner), the panel shall also provide the court with an unranked list of five names of persons that a majority of the members of the panel think are fully qualified to be a United States magistrate judge.

Signed this 2 da	y of _	Janu	aril	_, 2004.
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FOR THE COURT:

THAD HEARTFIELD, CHIEF JUDGE