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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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IN RE: PETITIONS FOR THE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. 2254 AND 2241 AND MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. 2255

§ GENERAL ORDER NO. 92-2/

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ORDER

This Court adopted the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Act Plan of the Eastern District of Texas in January 1992 in response to the Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990. The avowed purposes of the Plan include, inter alia, the reduction of costs through curtailment of discovery, a set maximum for contingency fees, and provisions for alternative dispute resolution.

The federal courts' power to hear applications for the writ of habeas corpus is traditionally one of the most important safeguards of individual liberties. See United States Constitution, Article IX. The concerns giving rise to the Plan, founded in ordinary civil litigation, are inapplicable to the Great Writ. It is accordingly

ORDERED that applications for the writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. 2241 and 2254 shall be placed in Track One of the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Act Plan of the Eastern District of Texas. It is further

ORDERED that motions to vacate or correct sentence filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2255, being in effect motions filed in the movant's criminal case, shall be placed in Track One of the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Act Plan of the Eastern District of Texas. Finally, it is

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall reassign all applications for the writ of habeas corpus and motions to vacate or correct sentence filed between January 1, 1992 and the date of entry of this order from Track Two to Track One of the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Act Plan of the Eastern District of Texas.

SIGNED this 2/2 day of October, 1992, for the Court.

ROBERT M. PARKER CHIEF JUDGE