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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

WILLIAM H. COLLIER, JR.

1:10-cv-00205-LJO DLB (HC)

Petitioner,

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

v.

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ISAAC FULWOOD, JR.,

Respondent.

Petitioner is a federal prisoner proceeding pro se with a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241.

On March 18, 2010, Petitioner filed a motion for appointment of counsel. There currently exists no absolute right to appointment of counsel in habeas proceedings. See e.g., Anderson v. Heinze, 258 F.2d 479, 481 (9th Cir.), cert. denied, 358 U.S. 889 (1958); Mitchell v. Wyrick, 727 F.2d 773 (8th Cir.), cert. denied, 469 U.S. 823 (1984). However, Title 18 U.S.C. § 3006A authorizes the appointment of counsel at any stage of the case “if the interests of justice so require.” See, Rule 8(c), Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. In the present case, the court does not find that the interests of justice would be served by the appointment of counsel at the present time. Accordingly, petitioner’s request for appointment of counsel is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 14, 2010

/s/ Dennis L. Beck
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE