IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HENRY CARTWRIGHT,

Petitioner.

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CONNIE GIPSON, Warden,

Respondent.

Case No. 1:13-cv-00463 AWI MJS (HC)

ORDER DENYING PETITIONER'S MOTION TO GRANT PETITION FOR FAILURE OF RESPONDENT TO FILE ANSWER

(Doc. 40)

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONDENT TO RE-SERVE PETITIONER WITH ANSWER WITHIN 14 DAYS

On March 29, 2013, Petitioner filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus. On December 24, 2014, the Court directed Respondent to file a response to the petition. (ECF No. 28.) After requesting two extensions of time, Respondent timely filed an answer with the Court on April 23, 2015. (ECF No. 38.) Respondent attached a proof of service to the answer stating that a copy of the answer was mailed to Petitioner on the date of filing. (Id. at 46.)

On May 26, 2015, Petitioner filed a motion requesting the petition be granted based on Respondent's failure to file a response to the petition. (ECF No. 40.) In the motion, Petitioner asserts that he did not receive a copy of the answer.

Based on the record before the Court, it appears that Respondent attempted service of the answer on Petitioner; however, Petitioner did not receive a copy of the

<u>1</u> answer. Based on Respondent's filing of the answer with the Court and the attempted compliance with her duty to serve Petitioner with the answer, the motion to grant the petition is DENIED. It is further ORDERED that Respondent re-serve Petitioner with a copy of the answer within fourteen (14) days of the issuance of this order. Petitioner shall have thirty (30) days from the date of service of the answer to file a traverse. IT IS SO ORDERED. 1st Michael J. Seng Dated: <u>June 10, 2015</u>