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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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9 JOHN KELLER,

10 Plaintiff,

11 vs.

12 NKSP WARDEN, et al.,

13 Defendants.
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RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S LETTER
TO COURT

(ECF No. 12.)

15 Mr. Keller—

16 I received your letter. I understand you are very angry that I did not appoint a lawyer
17 for you.

18 This is not a criminal case. There is no right to counsel. I do not have any way to pay
19 for a lawyer for you. I cannot force any lawyer to take your case. The best I can ever do is ask
20 a lawyer to represent you for free. Under the law, I can only do this in exceptional
21 circumstances. Later in the case, I might consider asking a lawyer to represent you for free, but
22 it is very early in the case now.

23 I want you to know that I am taking your case seriously.
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25 Dated: 5/25/2016

/s/ ERICA P. GROSJEAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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