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

9 MICHAEL HUFTILE,

10 Petitioner,

No. CIV S-05-0174 GEB DAD P

11 vs.

12 MELVIN HUNTER, et al.,

13 Respondents.

ORDER

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15 Petitioner has requested the appointment of counsel. There currently exists no
16 absolute right to appointment of counsel in habeas proceedings. See Nevius v. Sumner, 105 F.3d
17 453, 460 (9th Cir. 1996). However, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A authorizes the appointment of counsel at
18 any stage of the case “if the interests of justice so require.” See Rule 8(c), Fed. R. Governing
19 § 2254 Cases. In the present case, the court does not find that the interests of justice would be
20 served by the appointment of counsel at the present time.

21 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that petitioner’s January 8, 2009 motion
22 for appointment of counsel (Doc. No. 23) is denied.

23 DATED: January 22, 2009.

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DALE A. DROZD
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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