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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ARTIES JOHNSON, JR.,

No. 07 CV 0320 JCW

Petitioner,

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR

vs.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

MIKE KNOWLES, et al.,

Respondents.

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Petitioner has requested the appointment of counsel. This is petitioner’s fourth request for the appointment of counsel. There is 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). However, Title 18 U.S.C. § 3006A authorizes the appointment of counsel if “the interests of justice so require.” In the present case, the interests of justice would not be served by the appointment of counsel. Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that petitioner's request for appointment of counsel is denied.

Petitioner’s motion for appointment of counsel and an accompanying letter to the court indicate that petitioner is under the mistaken impression that he is now “proceeding with an

