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allowed pleadings, and providing that a reply to an answer is proper only "if the court orders one").

Finally, on January 4, 2011, plaintiff filed a motion "for production/discovery for Receipt of U.S. Marshal Certification of Services." Dckt No. 25. Plaintiff must direct any requests for discovery directly to defendants, and not to the court. Interrogatories, requests for production, requests for admission, responses and proofs of service thereof "shall not be filed with the clerk until there is a proceeding in which the document or proof of service is at issue. When required in a proceeding, only that part of the request and response that is in issue shall be filed." E.D. Cal. Local Rules 250.2-250.4. Accordingly, plaintiff's January 4, 2011 request for production of documents is stricken and the Clerk of the Court shall make a notation on the docket to that effect.

So ordered.

DATED: February 15, 2011.

EDMUND F. BRENNAN

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE