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Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Federal Defender is appointed to represent petitioner for the limited purpose of opposing the motion to dismiss.
2. The Clerk of the Court shall serve a copy of this order on the Federal Defender, Attention: Habeas Appointment.
3. Petitioner's counsel shall contact the Clerk's Office to make arrangements for copies of documents in the file.
4. Within forty-five days of the date of this order, petitioner's counsel shall file an amended opposition to the motion to dismiss (ECF No. 51) or inform the court that an amended opposition is unnecessary. If petitioner's counsel files an amended opposition to the motion to dismiss, respondent may file a reply within twenty days of the date of service of that amended opposition.
5. The Clerk of the Court is directed to serve a copy of this order on the office of the Federal Defender.
6. Petitioner's motions for the appointment of counsel and related motions for reconsideration (ECF Nos. 47, 52, 53, 57, 59, 85, 86) and for scribing assistance (ECF No. 68) are denied as moot.
7. Petitioner's motion for an evidentiary hearing regarding his competence (ECF No. 65) is denied without prejudice.

Dated: October 24, 2017

  
DEBORAH BARNES  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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