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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHARLES STEVENS,  
Petitioner,  
v.  
RON DAVIS, Warden, San Quentin  
State Prison  
Respondent.

No. C 09-137 WHA  
DEATH PENALTY CASE  
**ORDER SETTING BRIEFING  
SCHEDULE FOR RECORD-BASED  
MERITS CLAIMS**

The Court is in receipt of the parties joint statement regarding record-based claims that can proceed to briefing on the merits without a request for an evidentiary hearing. Petitioner identified fourteen such claims. The parties are directed to brief the merits of the claims.

In the interest of efficiency, and in order to avoid oversized briefs, the parties shall divide the claims into two groups (by grouping together, for example, claims that have the same factual predicates), and shall file two rounds of briefing, with each brief addressing no more than eight claims.

Accordingly, by May 12, 2015, petitioner shall file his opening brief. The response is due on or before June 11, 2015. The optional reply is due within fifteen days of the date of service of the response.

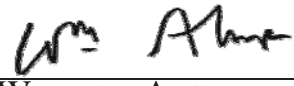
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The parties are directed to observe a 25-page limit for their briefs; please, no attachments. Due dates for subsequent briefs shall be set in a subsequent order.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: March 12, 2015.

  
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WILLIAM ALSUP  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE