



2. The Report and Recommendation is **APPROVED AND ADOPTED**.
3. The petition for writ of *habeas corpus* is **DISMISSED with prejudice as untimely**.
4. There is no basis to issue a certificate of appealability.

The Clerk of Court is directed to mark this case **CLOSED** for statistical purposes.

BY THE COURT

  
LAWRENCE F. STENGEL, J.

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Bland's petition for habeas relief was submitted nearly eighteen years after the AEDPA's time limitation and Mr. Bland has failed to demonstrate any basis for equitable tolling. Accordingly, I am dismissing with prejudice his habeas petition as untimely.