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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 SAMSOM MICHAEL,

11 Petitioner,

12 v.

13 ICE FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR,

14 Respondent.

CASE NO. C20-0565JLR

ORDER GRANTING MOTION  
FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
COUNSEL

15 This matter comes before the court on Petitioner Samsom Michael's motion for  
16 appointment of counsel. (Mot. (Dkt. # 15).) Respondent Nathalie Asher, U.S.  
17 Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") Field Office Director for the Seattle  
18 Field Office ("the Government") did not oppose the motion. (*See generally* Dkt.) The  
19 court has reviewed the motion, the relevant portions of the record, and the applicable law.  
20 Being fully advised, the court GRANTS Petitioner's motion. The court hereby appoints  
21 the office of the Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Washington, 1601

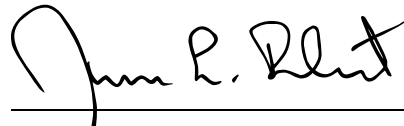
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1 Fifth Avenue, Suite 700, Seattle, Washington, 98101 (206) 553-1100, as counsel for  
2 Petitioner in this matter.

3 The court ORDERS counsel for the Federal Public Defender to file a notice of  
4 appearance within five days of the filing date of this order. If counsel is unable to assume  
5 this representation, a motion for relief from appointment should immediately be filed  
6 with the court. Additionally, the court ORDERS the parties to meet and confer and file a  
7 joint status report proposing a schedule for briefing on Petitioner's response, if any, to  
8 Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson's report and recommendation (R&R (Dkt. # 13))  
9 or to the Government's objections thereto (Gov't Obj. (Dkt. # 14)) within five days of the  
10 filing date of this order.

11 The court DIRECTS the Clerk to send a copy of this order to Mr. Michael, to  
12 counsel for Mr. Michael, and to counsel for the Government.

13 Dated this 19th day of October, 2020.

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16 JAMES L. ROBART  
17 United States District Judge  
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