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VIA FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL

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RE: *Perez v. Tilton, et al.*
United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. C 05-05241 JSW

~~Dear Ms. Russell:~~

This letter follows up on our February 22, 2007 meeting regarding revisions to the dental program's current reception center processes at San Quentin State Prison (SQSP). As indicated at this meeting, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is willing to consider, on a pilot basis, modifications to the dental program's currently existing reception center processes at SQSP.

To expedite this process, we have requested the Court experts in this matter prepare a report recommending short-term modifications to the dental program's reception center processes due to the space constraints currently faced at SQSP's reception center. The Court experts anticipate a draft of this report will be completed by March 9, 2007. CDCR will then require sufficient time to review the Court experts' recommendations and to internally decide whether any revision(s) to the dental program's current reception center processes at SQSP would be appropriate.

We understand that time is of the essence in this process. At the February 22, 2007 meeting, you requested that CDCR definitively respond within one week regarding whether the dental program would modify its reception center processes at SQSP. As illustrated above, this time line is simply not feasible. CDCR is committed to working with you on this issue and will provide you with its decision after having an ample opportunity to review the Court experts' report and the merits of revising the dental programs existing reception center processes at SQSP. However, to the extent there are upcoming *Plata* imposed deadlines that could potentially impact

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dental care at SQSP's reception center, please feel free to contact me and I will communicate these deadlines to my clients.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like further clarification regarding the foregoing. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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