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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY Eastern District of Kentucky
LEXINGTON DIVISION

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CONCHITA WASHINGTON, ET AL.,)
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Plaintiffs,)
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vs.)
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JANET RENO, Attorney General,)
ET AL.,)
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Defendants.)
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AT LEXINGTON
LESLIE G. WHITMER
CLERK, U. S. DISTRICT COURT

Consolidated Civil Cases
Nos. 93-217, 93-290

**ORDER PROVIDING NOTICE TO THE CLASS OF THE
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

The Court held a hearing on August 4, 1995 to consider the Joint Motion for Approval of the Proposed Settlement Agreement and Entry of Order Providing Notice to the Class of the Proposed Settlement Agreement. After having considered the Joint Motion and the arguments of counsel for the plaintiff class and the defendants, it appears to the Court, upon preliminary review, that the proposed Settlement Agreement appears to be the product of serious, informed, noncollusive negotiations between the plaintiffs and defendants. It further appears to the Court, upon preliminary review, that the proposed Settlement Agreement does not improperly grant preferential treatment to the class representatives or any segment of the class. Finally, it appears to the Court, upon preliminary review, that the proposed Settlement Agreement has no obvious deficiencies, and falls within the range of possible approval by the Court following a fairness hearing pursuant to Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of

Civil Procedure in which the Court will have the opportunity to consider any comments or objections from class members.

WHEREFORE, ITS IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT within 15 days after entry of this Order, the Bureau of Prisons shall:

(1) send the attached Notice of Proposed Settlement and Fairness Hearing and the proposed Settlement Agreement to each correctional institution operated by the Bureau of Prisons;

(2) make the Notice of Proposed Settlement and Fairness Hearing and the proposed Settlement Agreement available for inspection and review by the inmates in the institution law libraries during the comment period; and

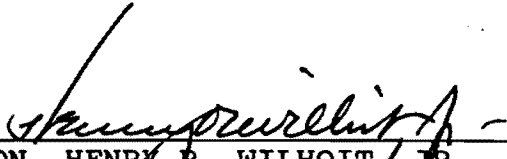
(3) post a notice in the institution commissaries and law libraries stating that the Notice of Proposed Settlement and Fairness Hearing and the Settlement Agreement are available for review by the inmates in the law libraries;

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT any member of the plaintiff class who wishes to comment on or raise an objection to the Settlement Agreement may submit a written statement to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Lexington Division, P.O Box 3074, Lexington, Kentucky 40596-3074. To be considered by the Court, the written statement must be received by the Clerk of the Court no later than 45 days from the date of entry of this Order. The written statement shall contain the individual's name, address, and inmate register number, along with a statement of his or her comment(s) on or objection(s) to

the Settlement Agreement and the reason(s) for the comment(s) or objection(s);

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT pursuant to Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court will hold a hearing on November 3, 1995 at 11:00 a.m., in Courtroom B of the Federal Courthouse, Lexington, Kentucky, to determine whether the proposed Settlement Agreement should be approved.

DATED this 4 day of August, 1995.



HON. HENRY R. WILHOIT, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE
ENTRY OF THIS ORDER OR JUDGMENT

ON 8-7-95

LESLIE G. WHITMER, CLERK

BY: Misty Thompson D.E.