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Federal Bureau of Prisons

Washington, D.C. 20534

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Peter G. McCabe, Secretary
Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure
of the Judicial Conference of the United States
Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building
Washington, D.C. 20544

Re: Bureau of Prisons' Comments on Proposed Amendments to
the Federal Rules of Practice and Procedure

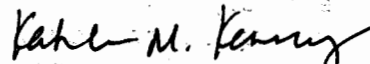
Dear Mr. McCabe:

This letter responds to your invitation to provide agency comments on the proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Practice and Procedure.

The Bureau's only concern is that no amendments to Rule 32, Fed. R. Crim. P., result in the Statement of Reasons (SOR) portion of criminal judgments become publicly available. In recent years, the Bureau successfully worked with Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts staff, and the U.S. Judicial Conference's Committee on Criminal Law, to secure the SOR from public availability. We are informed that the proposed amendments do not jeopardize that goal and, therefore, have no further comments.

I want to personally thank you for your notice and invitation to review the proposed amendments and provide comments. We appreciate the opportunity and look forward to continued communication with your office in the future.

Sincerely,


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