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Mr. Ed Huntley  
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Dear Mr. Huntley:

The United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois invites the Illinois Department of Corrections and, specifically, the Pontiac Correctional Center, to participate in a pilot project designed to reduce the cost of processing court filings made by prisoners in civil rights cases brought under 42 U.S.C. §1983. This proposal, if adopted and properly executed, will significantly reduce the expenditures for paper, envelopes, copier supplies and postage for the Pontiac Correctional Center. Furthermore, it will substantially reduce the amount of staff time spent on prisoner court filings, for both the Pontiac Correctional Center staff and the Court. The details of this proposed pilot program are discussed in the attached proposal.

Please contact Cynthia Fears, Pro se Law Clerk, at 217-373-5830 to let the Court know whether the Illinois Department of Corrections is willing to participate in the proposed pilot program. Cynthia can also be reached by mail at the following address: United States District Court, 201 S. Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois 61802.

As the Court is ready to move forward with this project, a response to the proposal within the next two weeks would be appreciated. Further, if you have questions and/or comments, or wish to set up a meeting, you may contact Cynthia Fears.

Sincerely,

s/ John M. Waters

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Attachment

c: The Honorable Harold A. Baker  
Mr. Christopher Higerson, Illinois  
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Ms. Cynthia Fears  
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