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To Whom It May Concern:

I am to be incarcerated in Redlands, CA for my religious convictions on July 15, 2012. The Federal Courts of the land have condemned me for obeying my Father in Heaven. I accept the consequences of my actions, though I have not yet been found guilty of any "criminal charges." The Seventh-day Adventist Church organizations, the Plaintiffs in the SDA trademark lawsuit against me, have petitioned the Courts to sanction me for not obeying their demands. I am a Creation 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist, even though the Courts have decided my religion is illegal in America. My sanctions are based on civil contempt of court orders.

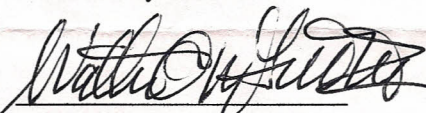
On July 13<sup>th</sup> I am beginning a solid food fast which amounts to a "cleansing fast" for several reasons:

- 1) God has commanded me to fast for my own well-being and to continue "the fast" during the complete period of my incarceration.
- 2) Our religion teaches that we are living in the "anti-typical Day of Atonement" which in ancient Israel was "the fast day." We are to be cleansing our souls from all sin in preparation for the second coming of Christ.
- 3) My fast is symbolic of the self-denial which is necessary to be in a positive relationship with the Creator and to live among a holy society in Heaven.
- 4) The societies of the world are "toxic" in nature, and God is soon to cleanse the earth as He did at the time of Noah's flood. The "fast of cleansing" symbolizes the purging of toxins from the people who wish to be clean in heart.

I refuse all medical treatment except the advice of a naturopathic physician. I claim my constitutional rights as an American citizen in the Eighth Amendment of the Bill of Rights. "The Eighth Amendment (Amendment VIII) to the United States Constitution is the part of the United States Bill of Rights prohibiting the federal government from imposing excessive bail, excessive fines or cruel and unusual punishments. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that this amendment's Cruel and Unusual Punishment Clause applies to the states." (from Wikipedia) Under this claim to freedom from "cruel and unusual punishments," I refuse any acts of force-feeding, since I am of sound mind and have entered upon "the fast" with all my mental faculties intact.

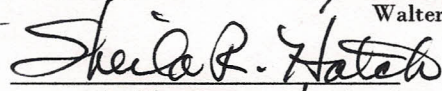
In keeping with the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, I reserve the right to "free exercise" of my religion which includes "the fast" that I have freely chosen in obedience to my Heavenly Father.

I subscribe my mark this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012 as my will for living.

  
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