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Subject: Hearings

This email confirms Federal Public and Community Defender interest in testify concerning proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. It is our understanding that public hearings are currently scheduled for January 16, 2009 in Los Angeles and for February 9, 2009 in Dallas. Should either of those hearings go forward, we would like to be present. It is not necessary that we be present at both. I anticipate we will divide our presentation between two defenders due to the number of proposed amendments. If the hearings or one of the hearings goes forward, we will timely notify you as to who will testify. In the event of public hearings, we will have our written testimony to you before the hearing. In the hearings are cancelled, it is my understanding that our written testimony must be submitted by February 17th. We will have our written comments to you before that date. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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