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NOBEL NOMINEE AND DEATH ROW PRISONER STANLEY TOOKIE WILLIAMS FILES PETITION FOR CLEMENCY WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

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Stanley Tookie Williams' petition for clemency will be filed with California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on Tuesday, November 8, 2005.

The petition will be available at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time on November 8 at <http://www.cm-p.com/clemency.htm> and at <http://www.tookie.com/>. Additional information will continue to be posted on these sites.

Stanley Williams is scheduled to be executed by the State of California on December 13, 2005.

The clemency petition asks Governor Schwarzenegger to exercise his discretionary power to spare Stanley Williams' life. The basis of the petition is Stanley Williams' personal redemption, the hope given to others by his message of education, self-discipline, purpose and peace, and the positive impact his message will continue to have if the Governor spares his life by granting clemency.

Peter Fleming Jr., of Curtis-Mallet, Prevost, Colt & Mosle, LLP, clemency co-counsel for Stanley Williams, states: "We file this petition with faith it will receive conscientious review by Governor Schwarzenegger. We file it with belief, for all the reasons set forth in the

petition, that the Governor will exercise clemency and thereby send a message of hope to those for whom Stanley Williams is a symbol of hope.”

BACKGROUND ON STANLEY WILLIAMS

Stanley Williams was one of the founders of the Crips street gang. He was convicted of four murders in 1981, and has been on death row at San Quentin for the past twenty-four years. Stanley Williams has always maintained his innocence of these crimes.

While on death row, Stanley Williams has undergone a personal redemption. He has openly apologized for his role in forming the Crips and his actions as a gang member, and become a prominent anti-gang spokesman. He has written a series of anti-gang books for children, promoted gang truces, and given numerous talks to at-risk youth about the power of education, self-discipline and peace. He has received thousands of emails from individuals influenced by this message. As a result of his work while on death row, Stanley has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and for the Nobel Prize in Literature. This year, he received the President’s Call to Service Award.

In 2004, the Ninth Circuit, in an extraordinary opinion, denied Stanley Williams legal relief but volunteered, in respect to clemency, that Stanley Williams’ “good works and accomplishments since incarceration may make him a worthy candidate for the exercise of gubernatorial discretion.”

CLEMENCY

The last California Governor to grant clemency was Ronald Reagan in 1967, thirty eight years ago. Clemency is not a reversal of the judgment of the courts, but an exercise of executive discretion. The Founding Fathers of this Nation vested the clemency power in the executive, and the Governor’s power to grant clemency is found in the California Constitution.