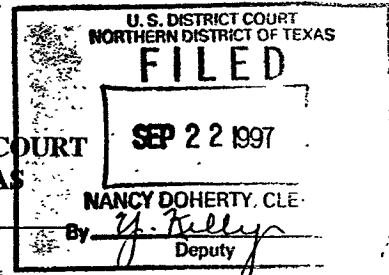


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS



MISCELLANEOUS ORDER NO. 6

ORDER

Because an order transferring venue is a non-dispositive order which may be entered by a magistrate judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1)(A), the district judges of this court conclude that it is not necessary for the magistrate judges to use the report and recommendation procedure in connection with 28 U.S.C. §§1404 and 1406 or 28 U.S.C. §2241(d) transfers of venue in cases filed by prisoners and in *pro se* civil actions in which plaintiffs seek to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Notwithstanding contrary language in earlier referral orders, magistrate judges are authorized, without utilizing the report and recommendation procedure, to sign orders transferring cases filed by prisoners or by *pro se* plaintiffs seeking to proceed *in forma pauperis* to the proper or more appropriate district or division.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: September 22, 1997

*Jerry Buchmeyer*  
JERRY BUCHMEYER, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS