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| 16 | Regarding responses to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 Petitions: a respondent may file a limited,             |       |
| 17 | initial response raising the affirmative defense of untimeliness if there is a reasonable basis |       |
| 18 | to conclude that the petitioner's habeas corpus petition is untimely by more than one year      |       |
| 19 | past the deadline. A response limited to untimeliness must still include a brief factual and    |       |
| 20 | complete procedural background. A respondent does not waive the right to file additional        |       |
| 21 | affirmative defense, but shall await further direction from the Court before doing so.          |       |
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