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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of Court, S.C. Court of Appeals
1220 Senate Street
Columbia, S.C. 29201

Re: The State v. Emeric Hamilton Appellate Case No. 2023-001884

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This is to update the Court regarding the above referenced matter currently being held in abeyance during a remand for a hearing on reconstructing the trial transcript. Court administration did locate additional audio files and they have been transcribed. While they appear to contain the missing portions of the trial, a hearing has been scheduled for December 17, 2024, to verify the accuracy of the transcript and address any potential omissions from the record. This office will be requesting a written order from Judge McCoy outlining the steps taken to reconstruct the hearing transcript and outlining any remaining defects from the reconstructed trial transcript. This office will update the Court by the end of December or as soon as Judge McCoy's ruling is final. We will also be requesting a transcript of the December 17, 2024, hearing to complete the record for this Court's review.

Respectfully,



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Enclosures

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