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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk
South Carolina Supreme Court
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, S.C. 29211

Re: *Aleksey v. Stirling*
5:14-CV-3016-JMC-KDW

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996), I am writing to report on the status of the above-referenced capital federal habeas proceeding. Counsel have a hearing next week before the Honorable Doyet Early to determine Aleksey's request for counsel for his state proceeding.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth A. Franklin-Best

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