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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk of the South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: State v. Raymond Lewis Young
Appellate Case No: 2013-000149

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I am in receipt of Appellant's Motion to consolidate the above referenced appeal with the pending appeal in State v. Esaiveus F. Booker (**Appellate Case No. 2013-000207**) where the two Appellants were codefendants in the same trial. I am submitting this letter in response in lieu of a formal Return. The State agrees that the bulk of the record in two appeals will be identical and therefore has no objection to consolidation of the Record on Appeal in this case with the Record on Appeal in Booker, with the understanding that counsel for Mr. Young will be submitting a separate Brief and Designation of Matter on behalf of Mr. Young. Because the consolidated Record will be comprised of items designated by the parties in both appeals, the State requests that any pending time frames for submission of Initial Briefs, the consolidated Record on Appeal, and Final Briefs in **both** cases be controlled by the filing deadlines in Mr. Young's appeal. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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