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IN RE: Miguel Alejandro Urena v. State
2015 CP 18 994

Dear Ms. Blanchette:

I am writing in reply to your letter dated 1 16 18 which I received on Monday of this week.

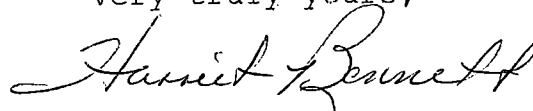
I was not the reporter who recorded the proceedings. I retired from the Judicial Department about 15 years ago and have been transcribing records of other reporters who have retired or have ceased this work. The process is that I prepare transcripts from audio records sent to me by Court Administration.

This particular transcript was difficult due to the fact that your client speaks with a heavy Mexican accent and speaks quite fast in answering questions. I mean no disrespect to you or to him but I had a great deal of trouble understanding him. I remember remarking to Ms. Allen that an interpreter should have been appointed for him.

I spent a great deal of time listening to his testimony in the preparation of the record. As I recall, there were a few occasions in the record when the Defendant was stopped by the Judge or by you in order for him to make something clearer that he had been saying or to ask him to slow down.

I have certified the transcript as being prepared to the best of my ability as I was not there taking down the proceedings and not face to face with your client. I had only the audio recording and what available paperwork there was to prepare the transcript.

Very truly yours,



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