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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

**Re: Frederick J. Harris v. State of South Carolina  
2004-CP-23-5954**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am in receipt of the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari pursuant to Austin v. State in the above matter. Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal Return in this case. The Respondent has no objection to the Petition of Robert M. Pachak, Esquire to be relieved as counsel.

If a formal return is required, the Respondent requests an opportunity to brief the issues as requested by the Court.

If there are any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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cc: Robert M. Pachak, Esquire