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November 15, 2019.

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of Court to the Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Christopher Hampton v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2017-002374.

Dear Mr. Shearouse,

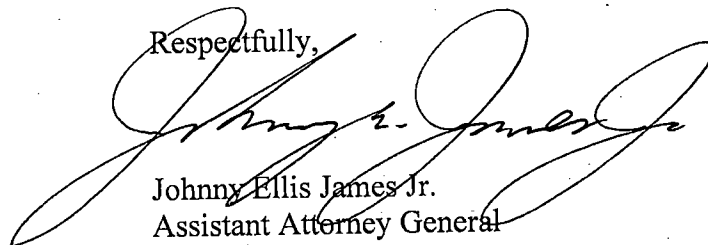
The State is in receipt of Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Certiorari dated May 31, 2019, asserting his rights under White v. State, 263 S.C. 110, 208 S.E.2d 35 (1974) and Austin v. State, 305 S.C. 453, 409 S.E.2d 395 (1991). Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal Return. The State did not contest Applicant's right to treatment under White and Austin in the lower court and will not do so now.

The State will not respond to the Anders Brief of Appellant Pursuant to White v. State dated May 31, 2019, unless otherwise directed by this Court.

The State reserves its right to file a Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari pursuant to Austin v. State, and concurrently so files by way of a separate letter.

If the Court should desire or require a formal filing, please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully,



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