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S.C. SUPREME COURT

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
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Re: *State of South Carolina v. Luzenski Allen Cottrell*
Case No. Case No. 2018-CP-26-05709
60 Day Status Report

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

This letter is the sixty-day status report pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996).

By letter dated February 18, 2020, we reported, "Judge John issued a revised scheduling order" and, "Mr. Cottrell's pre-hearing investigation is ongoing." While Mr. Cottrell's pre-hearing investigation is still ongoing, the COVID-19 pandemic has limited our investigation. To comply with social distancing guidelines, we have postponed all activities that require travel or in person interviews. In addition to travel within the state, Mr. Cottrell's mitigation investigation requires travel to New York, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Texas.

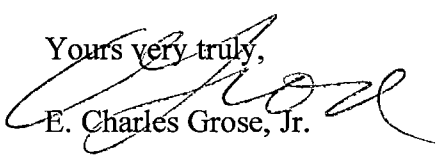
Additionally, Mr. Cottrell had noticed his intention to take several depositions in April 2020. By agreement with the Attorney General's Office, these depositions are postponed as part of the COVID-19 safety measures.

Finally, Judge John scheduled a status conference for Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. By that time, we should be able to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Mr. Cottrell's pre-hearing investigation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,



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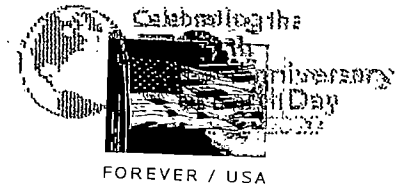

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