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The Honorable Patricia Ann Alexander Howard,
Clerk of South Carolina's ("SC") Supreme Court
1231 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Submitted by e-mail to suptctfilings@sccourts.org
With copies to Mr. Gillian at tgillian@sccid.sc.gov
and to *Maitresses Meadows* and Jameson at
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Re: Reply to Your 2 November 2021 Letter to Me in SC Appellate Case 2020-000891

"For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." [Luke 12:48](#)

"And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with
knowledge and understanding." [Jeremiah 3:15](#)

Your Honor:

The sending of the remittitur does NOT foreclose ministerial/administrative action in the case. *In this very case, an order about the returning the exhibits issued after the sending of the remittitur.*

PLEASE neither ignore this reply nor take it as argumentation for argumentation's sake. Rather, PLEASE keep an open mind to the ministerial/administrative issues to which I wish to alert you, for these are live human beings, not words/numbers on pieces of paper/PDF files, who suffer more days or years in cells of steel and stone due to others' errors.

Here, as in almost all PCR grants in SC, the grant ORDER was NOT copied to the relevant circuit solicitor and DID NOT set a time limit for the retrial ordered in the PCR grant. It is worse when retrial is ordered through the SC Court of Appeals' ("CoA") reversal of PCR denial and SC's Attorney General ("SCAG") seeks certiorari from this Court. As just happened in this case, the trial court clerk misreads the remittitur as final dismissal of the PCR application.

The very opposite of "vex" or "frivolity" is this, my polite and objective submission to you that the remittitur in such cases be also copied to the solicitor who had obtained the conviction(s) vacated by the PCR. I ask for my idea of making PCR grants **or reversals of PCR denials set a time limit for retrial** to be communicated to SC Chief Justice Beatty. **After all, the typical PCR grantee has already tarried long under a conviction ultimately found unconstitutional;** and Egypt's Pharaoh had the wisdom to hear from then-prisoner Joseph.

Thanks for your consideration and God bless.

[s/] Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH

Enc.: chain of e-mail to me from Mr. Elders' initial PCR counsel and my reply thereto

c.c.: All persons and entities to whom my second motion to appoint counsel had been e-mailed