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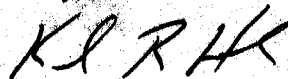
Dear Mr. Chairmen:

In accordance with Chapter 1024, clause 2 of the 2004 Acts of Assembly, below please find information on the number of petitions filed for writs of actual innocence pursuant to Chapter 19.3 of Title 19.2 and the dispositions thereof.

- Seven petitions were pending on January 1, 2007.
- Twenty-six petitions were filed in 2007.
- Thirty petitions were disposed of in 2007. The dispositions of those cases were as follows:
  - Twenty-six petitions were summarily dismissed.
  - One petition was dismissed without prejudice because a final sentencing order had not been entered.
  - One petition was dismissed following consideration of the Attorney General's response to the petition and petitioner's reply thereto, if any.
  - Two petitions were dismissed following consideration of the Attorney General's response to the petition, petitioner's reply thereto, if any, and the trial court's findings of fact.
- Three petitions were pending as of December 31, 2007.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Karl R. Hade in black ink.

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