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Dear Chairmen:

In accordance with Chapter 1024, enactment clause 2, of the 2004 Acts of Assembly, please find below information on the number of petitions for writs of actual innocence filed pursuant to Chapter 19.3 of Title 19.2, and the dispositions thereof, for calendar year 2015.

- One petition was pending on January 1, 2015.
- Sixteen petitions were filed in 2015.
- Sixteen petitions were disposed of in 2015. The dispositions of those cases were as follows:
 - o Fifteen petitions were summarily dismissed.
 - One petition was dismissed following consideration of the Attorney General's response to the petition and petitioner's reply thereto.
- One petition was pending as of December 31, 2015.

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If you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me. With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

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