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VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Susan Clark Schaar, Clerk Senate of Virginia P.O. Box 396 Richmond, Virginia 23218

The Honorable Paul Nardo, Clerk House of Delegates of Virginia P.O. Box 406 Richmond, Virginia 23218

Re: Virginia Code § 19.2-70

Dear Ms. Schaar and Mr. Nardo:

This letter is sent pursuant to Virginia Code § 19.2-70, regarding notification of intercept activity during 2018. However, consistent with Virginia Code §§ 19.2-70 and 19.2-68, no information concerning any granted 2018 application may be disclosed at this time. A supplemental report will be filed when it is permissible to do so.

In our letter of December 20, 2017, it was noted that ten of the twelve individuals who were arrested as a result of the 2017 intercept activity had pleaded guilty and were awaiting sentencing. All of those individuals have now been sentenced.

The letter also noted that two of the individuals were awaiting trial. One of those individuals, who had been charged with conspiracy to commit racketeering and conspiracy to distribute more than 1 kilogram of heroin, subsequently pleaded guilty and

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has been sentenced. The December 2017 letter also noted that a twelfth defendant was charged with conspiracy to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin and was awaiting trial. Prior to trial, the twelfth defendant was indicted for four additional felony counts of conspiracy to distribute a Schedule I/II controlled substance. That defendant was convicted of all five counts against him and has been sentenced.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

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