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RE: *People v. George B. Williams*, S030553
Modification of Designation of Focus for Oral Argument (scheduled for February 5, 2013), and Supplemental Brief of Appellant

Dear Mr. McGuire:

In light of the Court's January 11, 2013 request for further briefing on appellant's *Batson/Wheeler* argument, **appellant hereby modifies his Designation of Focus for Oral Argument**. Consistent with the Court's recent focus on appellant's *Batson/Wheeler* argument, appellant now designates as his focus for oral argument the following two arguments:

Argument I in appellant's opening brief regarding *Batson/Wheeler* error (pp. 66-112);

Argument II in appellant's opening brief regarding the trial court's error in excusing prospective juror Rêheis (pp. 113-126).

(Argument II, above, was previously designated as the first argument of focus in counsel's letter to the Court dated January 15, 2013.)

Also, please find enclosed a Supplemental Brief of Appellant, with Motion for Leave to File, and supporting Declaration. The Supplemental Brief addresses additional issues raised by the Court's request for letter briefs, dated January 11, 2013, and the letter brief filed by Respondent on January 23, 2013 pursuant to that request.

Respectfully submitted,



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