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The Honorable Judge Martin P. Welch  
Courthouse East – Room 247  
111 North Calvert Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: *Adnan Syed v. State of Maryland*, Case Nos. 199103042–046, Petition No. 10432

Dear Judge Welch,

We are writing to the Court at the request of Michael Millemann, an attorney who was mentioned in the course of the proceedings before you in early February. Mr. Millemann was contacted by Mr. Syed's present counsel and afterward made contact with the State.

During the hearing, the State referred to attorneys aside from Cristina Gutierrez who represented Adnan Syed at various stages of his prosecution. This was raised in part because of a dispute concerning whether Ms. Gutierrez was Mr. Syed's defense attorney at the time when petitioner contends the Asia McClain letters were mailed and received — and in part because of a document found in the defense file (A-0374) that indicated that an investigator for Mr. Syed's original attorneys in fact interviewed the security officer working at the Woodlawn Public Library, as well as Mr. Syed's track coach, on March 3, 1999, three days after his arrest, and approximately six weeks before Ms. Gutierrez was retained. The investigator, according to this document, also interviewed a number of other individuals before Ms. Gutierrez was selected to represent Mr. Syed.

Mr. Millemann has asked the State to share with the Court that he represented Mr. Syed only in the limited context of the State's motion to disqualify Ms. Gutierrez, which was filed in May 1999, and was argued in July 1999. Mr. Millemann opposed the State's motion and successfully convinced the Court to allow Mr. Syed to keep Ms. Gutierrez as his attorney. He wished for us to relay to the Court the narrow scope of his involvement.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Vignarajah', written over a horizontal line.

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cc: C. Justin Brown, Esq., Counsel for Adnan Syed  
Michael Millemann, Esq.

