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Frederick K. Ohlrich, Clerk
Supreme Court of the State of California
350 McAllister Street
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Frederick K. Ohlrich Clerk

RE: People v. Eric Christopher Houston
California Supreme Court Case No. S035190

Deputy

Dear Mr. Ohlrich:

This Court has ordered that oral argument will be heard in this capital case on May 31, 2012. In a letter dated February 24, 2012, this Court requested that counsel advise the Court of the issues on which counsel expect to focus their arguments.

At oral argument, counsel for respondent will be prepared to address any "focus issues" specified by counsel for appellant and to answer any questions posed by the Court.

Sincerely,

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Case Name: **People v. Houston**
No.: **S035190**

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on May 10, 2012, at Sacramento, California.

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Declarant

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Signature