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RE: Post-Argument Letter in No. SJC-12926

Dear Mr. Kenneally,

This letter is to advise the Court of a significant development since the oral argument in this case yesterday. The Department of Correction has received notification and confirmed that one inmate at MCI-Shirley (Medium) tested positive for COVID-19 on March 31, 2020, and has been placed under quarantine. This information has been communicated to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the local health department with jurisdiction over MCI-Shirley.

In an effort to ensure that the virus does not spread, MCI-Shirley (Medium) will remain locked down for fourteen (14) days. All necessary precautions, consistent with those outlined in Commissioner Mici's affidavit, are being taken at the facility.

Notification of the positive test had not issued until after the time of yesterday's oral argument, and I was just apprised of this information.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Charles W. Anderson Jr.
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