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The Honorable Ronnie Abrams
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square
Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Lewis Stahl, 18 Cr. 694 (RA)

Dear Judge Abrams:

The Government respectfully submits this letter in response to the Court's order of this morning. The Bureau of Prisons ("BOP") advised the Government this afternoon that the Department of Justice ("DOJ") has just issued new guidance to the BOP requiring that an inmate serve at least fifty percent of his or her sentence in order to be eligible for placement on home confinement.¹ Based on the new guidance, the BOP anticipates that Stahl, who has served approximately 23% of his sentence, will not be eligible for home-confinement placement at this time.² With respect to Stahl's application for compassionate release, the BOP has advised that Stahl's application, which the BOP received on April 3, remains under review and the BOP anticipates reaching a decision on it prior to the expiration of the 30-day period set forth in Section 3582(c)(1)(A).

¹ The Government has not yet seen a copy of the new DOJ guidance, but the U.S. Attorney's Office was advised of it by the BOP today in other cases as well.

² The new guidance also affects Stahl's eligibility for a furlough: in order to be eligible for a furlough, an inmate must be within 12 months of his or her projected release date ("PRD") *or* receive a home-confinement placement and have a PRD exceeding one year. Stahl's PRD is October 24, 2021. Accordingly, absent a home-confinement placement, Stahl will become eligible for a furlough on or about October 24, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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