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**BY EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL**

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Re: Letter from Department of Commerce

Dear Special Master Lancaster:

I write on behalf of the United States to apologize for a coordination error within the United States government that led to your receiving a letter from the Department of Commerce in addition to the letter I submitted on behalf of all of the federal agencies sent *Touhy* requests in this action. We have rectified that error in coordination and confirmed that the Department of Commerce joins fully in the letter I submitted. The Department of Commerce's letter underscores the practical impediments to producing documents in 120 days that each agency faces. Going forward, the Department of Commerce will continue to be represented by the Department of Justice in these proceedings.

Very truly yours,

s/Michael T. Gray

In The  
Supreme Court of the United States

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STATE OF FLORIDA,  
*Plaintiff*

v.

STATE OF GEORGIA  
*Defendant*

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Before the Special Master

Hon. Ralph I. Lancaster

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that the foregoing letter from Michael T. Gray on behalf of the United States to Special Master Lancaster has been served this 24th day of March, 2015, in the manner specified below:

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