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*1 RE: Freedom of Information Act—Laboratory Reports

Mr. James K. Wilson Chief Chemist S.C. Law Enforcement Division P. O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am responding to your inquiry regarding the necessity, if any, of providing copies of lab reports done by your office at the request of a County coroner on blood samples of several persons who died at Mariners Cove. Chief J. P. Strom has determined that it is not in the public interest to disclose such information to members of the public at large, pursuant to § 3(c) of the Freedom of Information Act, Act No. 593, Statutes at Large, 1978. Accordingly, it is the opinion of this office that the request should be refused. You may, of course, provide the information pursuant to a valid court order or subpoena duces tecum.

I hope that this has been of some assistance to you. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of a letter previously written by this Office regarding the effect of the Freedom of Information Act upon laboratory reports. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Katherine W. Hill Assistant Attorney General

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