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New York, New York 10278

March 22, 2026

Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan
United States District Judge
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007-1312

Re: *United States v. Samuel Bankman-Fried*, 22 Cr. 673 (LAK)

Dear Judge Kaplan:

The Government does not object to a reasonable extension for the filing of the defendant's reply in support of his motion for a new trial, and defers to the Court as to the appropriate amount of time.

That said, there is reason to doubt that the March 16, 2019 letter purportedly submitted by the defendant was in fact sent by him. (*See* Dkt. 590). The letter was sent to Chambers by FedEx, but according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, by Program Statement 5800.16, inmates are not permitted to send mail via FedEx or other private carriers. Moreover, we note that while the letter's envelope indicates it was sent by "S. Bankman-Fried" at "Terminal Island DOC, San Pedro, CA 90731," the BOP facility at Terminal Island is a Federal Correctional Institution (FCI), not a "DOC," which is an acronym for a California Department of Corrections facility. And while the return address information suggests it was sent from "San Pedro," where the facility is located, the FedEx tracking information for the package shows that it was picked up and shipped from Palo Alto or Menlo Park in California.¹ Finally, the letter is signed with an "/s/" and not the defendant's actual signature.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ <https://www.fedex.com/fedextrack/?trknbr=889708655054&trkqual=2461117000~889708655054~FX>