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Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe, Clerk of Court  
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit  
Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Raniere  
Docket No. 21-1795

Dear Ms. Wolfe:

The government respectfully submits this update in accordance with the Court's September 17, 2021 order (the "Order") holding the above-captioned case in abeyance pending the outcome of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York's (the "Office") request for remission or restoration by the Attorney General's designee, the Department of Justice's Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section ("MLARS"). On December 15, 2021, the government submitted a request for remission or restoration to MLARS, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1963(g), 21 U.S.C. § 853(i) and 28 C.F.R. Part 9, and the government's request remains under consideration by MLARS.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, the government respectfully submits that the existing stay is in the interests of the victims, the parties and judicial efficiency and

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<sup>1</sup> As set forth in the Motion, the decision to grant remission or restoration lies within the sole and exclusive discretion of the Attorney General and his designees at MLARS.

