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Subject: Timetabling update and other matters

Dear John

Fortunately, the individual in question tested negative for covid-19 on Friday, and we are back in court today. We have had to readjust the timetable. This is a very difficult process and we thank you for your patience. We now hope to hear your evidence on 30th September in the afternoon.

There are a number of other matters which we would like to make you aware of.

Documentation

The United States Government have provided witnesses with a bundle of documents which were shared with you in a DropBox link. **It is very important that you are familiar with the contents of this bundle. If you have not received a copy, please let us know as soon as possible.** We will be able to draw your attention to relevant parts of this bundle during a telephone or video conference we will have with you prior to your giving evidence.

Please note that these documents are confidential and should not be shared.

The court will make your statement available to the public on request after you have been sworn in. The copy we provide to them will have your private information (such as your address if provided) redacted.

When giving evidence

Before you begin giving evidence, the court clerk will ask you to take an oath. If you wish to take an oath on a religious text, please have this with you.

If you are an expert, you will be permitted to have your report in front of you. If you are a witness of fact, you will not be permitted to refer to your statement during your testimony unless granted permission to do so by the Judge.

In cross examination, the prosecution have often started by asking if experts are familiar with the Criminal Procedure Rules which state that an expert's view must be unbiased and objective. Those rules are attached to refresh your memory. If you are not sure if you are an expert or a witness of fact, please get in touch.

During cross-examination, the prosecution are likely to ask you to turn to certain pages of their bundle of documents for witnesses referred to before.

If appearing by video link, we request that you appear on video as if you were appearing in court in person by wearing smart dress, turning off all telephones or other devices which may interrupt your testimony, and drinking only water.

Expenses

We also attach the witness expenses claim form for those of you who incur expenses as part of giving your evidence to the court. We understand that this can be emailed to Mr Stephen Todhunter at: stephen.todhunter@Justice.gov.uk

If you have any queries, or updates to your availability to give evidence, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

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