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Re: *People v. Kiongozi Jones*, Case No. S075725  
Oral Argument Focus Letter

To the Honorable Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California, and to the Honorable Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of California:

The Court has calendared oral argument in the above referenced case for Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. I will be arguing on Mr. Jones' behalf. I intend to focus my argument on appellant's claim that he was deprived of his constitutional rights to confront adverse witnesses and to a fair trial by the trial court's restriction of cross examination, as set forth in Argument I; his claim that the erroneous exclusion of Robert Robinson's testimony deprived him of his constitutional rights to present a defense and to a fair trial and reliable verdict, as set forth in Argument II; and his claim that the trial court committed reversible error by permitting the prosecution to introduce a tape recorded phone conversation between appellant and his brother, as set forth in Argument III of Appellant's Opening and Reply Briefs.

Sincerely,

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## DECLARATION OF SERVICE

Case Name: **People v. Kiongozi Jones**  
Case Number: **Supreme Court No. S075725**  
**Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. NA-031990-01**

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Signed on **May 18, 2017**, at Sacramento, California.

  
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