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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-v- : 1:19-cr-00064-GHW

NATALIE MAYFLOWER SOURS : <u>ORDER</u> EDWARDS, :

Defendant. : ------X

GREGORY H. WOODS, United States District Judge:

Earlier today, the Court received an *ex parte* submission from the defendant via email. The Court wishes to schedule a conference to discuss the issues raised by that submission. The Court directs the parties to do the following to assist it in scheduling a prompt conference.

First, the Court requests that Dr. Sours Edwards provide a copy of her submission to her counsel. The Court is limited in its ability to consider information that is not also presented to the parties and their counsel for evaluation and comment. To the extent that the submission contains information of a sensitive or classified nature, the information should be shared with defense counsel in a manner that complies with applicable law and regulation. Daniel Hartenstine of the U.S. Department of Justice is available to coordinate the proper handling and review of any such information. The Court's preliminary assessment of the submission suggests that the Court should share a substantial portion of the submission with both parties and their counsel in order to permit the Court and the parties to evaluate and fully address the issues raised. At the same time, the submission includes attorney-client communications, which are properly protected. The Court requests that counsel for the defendant work to identify any portions of the submissions that should be redacted as privileged.

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Second, the Court requests that counsel for Dr. Sours Edwards confer with her regarding her willingness to proceed with the conference by remote means. The Court requests that the defendant inform the Court of the defendant's position by letter submitted no later than June 24, 2020 to the extent feasible. With that information in hand, the Court will schedule the conference. If the defendant consents to a remote proceeding, the Court anticipates that it will be scheduled via Skype videoconference later this week.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 22, 2020

GREGORY M. WOODS United States District Judge