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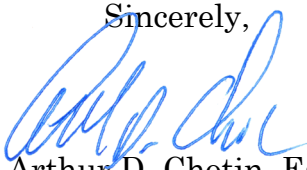
RE: ROBERT BALES V. UNITED STATES

Dear Sir or Madam:

As required by Supreme Court Rule 33.1(h), I certify that the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari referenced above contains **7,832** words, excluding the parts of the document that are exempted by Supreme Court Rule 33.1(d).

As a member of the Supreme Court Bar, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Sincerely,



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Principal