



**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Solicitor General**

Washington, D.C. 20530

April 5, 2018

Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D.C. 2054

Re: John Terry Phelps v. United States of America,
S.Ct No. 17-5745

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on August 24, 2017. Although the government waived its right to file a response, the Court has requested that a response be filed. The government's response is now due on April 13, 2018.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including May 14, 2018, within which to file the government's response.

This extension is requested to complete preparation of the government's response, which was delayed because of the heavy press of earlier assigned cases to the attorneys handling this matter.

Sincerely,

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Solicitor General

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