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Office of the Solicitor General

The Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

December 15, 2017

The Honorable Scott S. Harris Clerk Supreme Court of the United States Washington, D.C. 20543

Re:

Armando Rivera, Jr. v. United States,

No. 17-6374

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed October 12, 2017, and placed on the docket on October 16, 2017. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on December 15, 2017. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including January 16, 2018, within which to file the government's response.

This extension is necessary because the attorneys with principal responsibility for final preparation of the government's response have been heavily engaged with the press of other matters before the Court.

Counsel for petitioner does not object to this further extension of time.

Sincerely,

Noel J. Francisco Solicitor General

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