



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

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*Washington, D.C. 20530*  
November 21, 2017

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

Re: Desmond Shotwell v. United States of America,  
S.Ct No. 17-6540

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on October 17, 2017, and placed on the docket on October 31, 2017. The government's response is due on November 30, 2017.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including January 2, 2018 (December 31, 2017 is a Sunday and January 1, 2018 is a Holiday), 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

cc: See Attached Service List

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