



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

Washington, D.C. 20530

December 19, 2017

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

Re: Desmond Shotwell v. United States, No. 17-6540

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on October 17, 2017. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on January 2, 2018. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including February 1, 2018, within which to file a response.

This extension is necessary because the attorneys with principal responsibility for preparation of the government's response have been heavily engaged with the press of previously assigned matters with proximate due dates.

Because petitioner is an incarcerated federal prisoner proceeding pro se, we have not obtained his consent to this request.

Sincerely,

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cc: See Attached Service List

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