

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

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

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

Re: Richard Arthur Orr v. United States of America,

S.Ct No. 17-6577

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on October 26, 2017, and placed on the docket on November 1, 2017. The government's response is due on December 1, 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,

Noel J. Francisco Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

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