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Mr. Scott S. Harris, Clerk  
Supreme Court of the United States  
1 First Street NE  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Petition for Writ of Mandamus for Jose Prisciliano Gracia-Cantu

Dear Mr. Harris:

Enclosed are the original and ten copies of a petition for writ of mandamus. Also enclosed are an original and ten copies of the petitioners's motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

As indicated in the enclosed certificate of service, a copy of the petition for writ of mandamus and a copy of the motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis have been sent to the Solicitor General of the United States via first-class mail.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

cc: Solicitor General Noel Francisco  
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