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February 4, 2019

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

> Brandon Bernard v. United States, No. 18-6992 (Capital case)

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on December 7, 2018, and placed on the Court's docket on December 11, 2018. The government's response is currently due, on one extension, on February 11, 2019.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension to and including March 28, 2019, 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

cc: See Attached Service List

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