

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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MICHAEL STEELE,

Petitioner,

- v -

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

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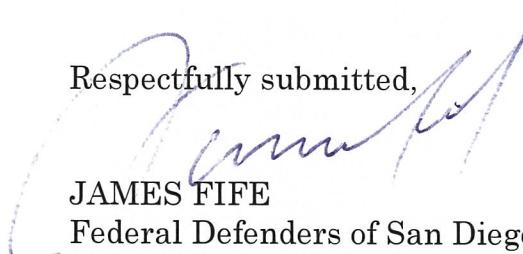
**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED  
IN FORMA PAUPERIS**

Pursuant to Title 18 United States Code §3006A(d)(6) and Rule 39 of this Court, Petitioner Michael Steele, asks leave to file the attached Petition for Writ of *Certiorari* to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit without prepayment of fees or costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Petitioner is represented by counsel appointed pursuant to Title 18 United States Code §3006A in the district court and on appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Dated: January 4, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

  
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