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Washington, D.C. 20530

April 9, 2020

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

Re: Blades v. United States, No. 19-7487

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on January 29, 2020. The government's response is now due, after two extensions, on April 29, 2020. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including May 27, 2020, 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.

Counsel for petitioner does not oppose this further extension.

Sincerely,

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