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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

CLIFFORD LAVERNE MECHAM, JR.,  
Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Respondent.

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States  
Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

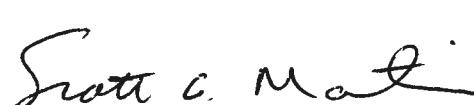
**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED  
*IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

Pursuant to Rule 39 and 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(7), Petitioner Clifford Laverne Mecham, Jr., asks leave to file the accompanying Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Petitioner was represented by counsel appointed under the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(b) and (c), in the United States District Court and on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

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Respectfully submitted,

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