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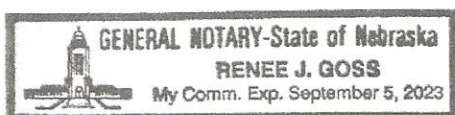
No. \_\_\_\_\_

RICHARD D. SIMMONS,  
Petitioner,  
v.  
DENIS MCDONOUGH,  
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,  
Respondent.

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