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The Honorable Scott S. Harris, Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Rodney Lavalais v. United States*, No. 20-5489

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent Petitioner Rodney Lavalais in the above-captioned case, which is currently pending before this Court on a petition for a writ of certiorari. The respondent's brief was filed on October 4, 2020. Pursuant to Rule 15.5, petitioner expressly waives the fourteen-day waiting period for distribution of the case to the Court. I respectfully request that the Court distribute the case on its next distribution date for in forma pauperis cases, which I understand to be October 15, 2020.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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