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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

July 7, 2021

Honorable Scott S. Harris  
Clerk  
Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, D.C. 2054

Re: Merwin Smith v. United States of America,  
S.Ct. No. 20-8143

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on May 20, 2021. Although the government waived its right to file a response, the Court has requested that a response be filed. The government's response is now due on July 16, 2021.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including August 16, 2021, within which to file the government's response.

This extension is requested to complete preparation of the government's response, which was delayed because of the heavy press of earlier assigned cases to the attorneys handling this matter.

Sincerely,

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