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

> Re: Israel Alvarado, et al. v. Lloyd J. Austin, III, Secretary of Defense, et al. S.Ct. No. 23-717

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on December 29, 2023. 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 February 26, 2024.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including March 27, 2024, 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,

Elizabeth B. Prelogar Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

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