No. _____

In the Supreme Court of the United States

Juan Alberto Ortiz-Orellana, Petitioner,

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United States of America, Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis.*

Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following courts:

United States District Court for the District of Maryland; United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is **not** attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding under the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A.

Respectfully submitted,

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