

IN THE  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

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RUEL M. HAMILTON,  
*Petitioner,*  
v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
*Respondent.*

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On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

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**PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

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