

## U.S. Department of Justice

## Office of the Solicitor General

The Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

July 27, 2018

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

Re: <u>Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Association, Inc.</u> v. <u>Peter O'Rourke</u>,

Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs,

No. 17-1693

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed June 18, 2018 and placed on the docket on June 21, 2018. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on August 22, 2018. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including September 7, 2018, within which to file the government's response.

This extension is necessary because the attorneys with principal responsibility for final preparation of the government's response have been heavily engaged with the press of other matters before the Court.

Counsel for petitioner does not object to this further extension of time.

Sincerely,

Noel J. Francisco Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

17-1693 BLUE WATER NAVY VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC. PETER O'ROURKE, ACTING SEC. OF VA

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