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

Donald Fell v. United States,
No. 17-6261 (Capital Case)

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on September 28, 2017, and placed on the Court's docket on October 5, 2017. The government's response is currently due, on one extension, on December 6, 2017.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension to and including February 5, 2018 (a Monday), 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,

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