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The Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

December 6, 2017

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

Re: Julian Maurice Middleton, Jr. v. United States,  
No. 17-6276

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed October 3, 2017, and placed on the docket on October 5, 2017. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on December 6, 2017. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including January 5, 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,

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