



**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Solicitor General**

Washington, D.C. 20530
January 23, 2018

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

Re: Robert Eugene Secord v. United States of America,
S.Ct No. 17-7224

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on December 19, 2017, and placed on the docket on January 2, 2018. The government's response is due on February 1, 2018.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including March 5, 2018, within which to file the government's response.

This extension is requested to complete preparation of the government's response, which was delayed because of the heavy press of earlier assigned cases to the attorneys handling this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: See Attached Service List

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