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IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

JAMES EARL MERIDYTH,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the
United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

**APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PETITION
FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT
OF APPEALS FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT**

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To the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Tenth Circuit:

Petitioner James Earl Meridyth prays for a 60-day extension of time, to and including March 30, 2018, in which to file his petition for a writ of certiorari. In support of this request, counsel states as follows:

1. On July 11, 2017, the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit affirmed the judgment of the district court in this case. A copy of that opinion is Attachment A to this application.

2. Mr. Meridyth timely filed a petition for rehearing. The Tenth Circuit denied rehearing on October 30, 2017. A copy of that order is Attachment B to this application.

3. Mr. Meridyth has ninety days from the denial of rehearing to petition for a writ of certiorari. Sup. Ct. R. 13.3. Ninety days from October 30, 2017 is January 29, 2018. This application is being filed at least ten days before January 29.

4. The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

5. I believe an extension of time will be needed adequately to prepare Mr. Meridyth's petition for writ of certiorari. Since rehearing was

denied, I have filed the opening briefs in United States v. Jimenez, No. 17-1190 (10th Cir.), United States v. Roman, No. 17-4084 (10th Cir.) and United States v. Russian, No. 17-3157 (10th Cir.), the reply briefs in United States v. McCranie, No. 17-1058 (10th Cir.) and United States v. Rodriguez-Flores, No. 17-2039 (10th Cir.), and argued United States v. Trent, No. 17-6041 (10th Cir.) before the Tenth Circuit.

6. The requested extension is for sixty days, to and including March 30.

7. Between now and March 30, I am also responsible for filing the opening briefs in United States v. Ejiofor, No. 17-6211 and United States v. Nanez-Rivera, No. 17-1419 (10th Cir.), and the reply briefs in Jimenez and United States v. Amador-Flores, No. 17-2056 (10th Cir.), and for arguing Jimenez and Rodriguez-Flores before the Tenth Circuit. I also expect that I will be responsible during filing the reply brief in Roman and that I may be responsible for filing the opening brief in United States v. Bowline, No. 17-7080 (10th Cir.).

WHEREFORE James Earl Meridyth respectfully requests that an order be entered extending his time in which to petition for certiorari by sixty days, to and including March 30, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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