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Mr. Scott S. Harris, Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street NE
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Petition for Writ of Certiorari for Jose G. Padilla

Dear Mr. Harris:

Enclosed are the original and ten copies of a petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Jose G. Padilla, Petitioner v. United States of America, Respondent. Also enclosed are an original and ten copies of the petitioner's motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

As indicated in the enclosed certificate of service, a copy of the petition for writ of certiorari and a copy of the motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis have been sent to the Solicitor General of the United States via first-class mail.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Noel J. Francisco
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