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Scott Harris, Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
Office of the Clerk
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Reed v. Goertz*, No. 21-442

Dear Mr. Harris:

A response in this death penalty case is due November 22, 2021. The respondent respectfully requests a forty-four-day extension of the present deadline. If granted, the response will be due January 5, 2022. The undersigned requests this extension primarily because he was out of the country for a month, returning October 25, 2021, and the work that accumulated while out of the office has prevented him from completing a response. Of note, the respondent asks for forty-four days partially at the request of the petitioner's counsel to avoid a reply being due during the holiday season. Should the Court not see fit to grant forty-four days' additional time, the respondent respectfully requests thirty.

The respondent has previously requested an extension in this case. The present request is not sought for an improper purpose, including delay. The undersigned has conferred with the petitioner's counsel, Mr. Parker Rider-Longmaid, who is not opposed to the requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to Mr. Rider-Longmaid. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Ottoway", written over a horizontal line.

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