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The Solicitor General

*Washington, D.C. 20530*

January 30, 2026

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

Re: Maxwell v. Thomas,  
S. Ct. No. 25-5930

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on August 20, 2025. The government's response is now due, after second extension, on February 11, 2026. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time to and including March 13, 2026, 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.

Because petitioner is an incarcerated federal prisoner proceeding pro se, we have not obtained his consent to this request.

Sincerely,

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cc: See Attached Service List

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