



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

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Honorable William K. Suter
Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Marrita Murphy v. I.N.S., et al.,
S.Ct. No. 07-802

Dear Mr. Suter:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on December 13 2007, and placed on the docket on December 17, 2007. The government's response is due on January 16, 2008.

We are hereby requesting, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, an extension of time, to and including February 15, 2008, 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,

Paul D. Clement
Solicitor General

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