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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Supreme Court of South Carolina  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
(By Electronic Filing Only)

**Re: George Stanley Branham v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2020-000806**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above appeal is due to be served and filed on today's date. I am respectfully requesting a first 30-day extension to serve and file this Return. This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay. Rather, this extension request is necessitated by a heavy workload.

Sincerely,

s/Samuel L. Key

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cc: E. Charles Grose, Esquire (by email only)