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Airman First Class (E-3))	No. ACM
NESTOR J. GUERECA TORRES)	
United States Air Force)	11 June 20
Appellant)	

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:**

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(2) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure,

Appellant hereby moves for his first enlargement of time to file an Assignments of Error (AOE).

Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of 60 days, which will end on 18 August 2021.

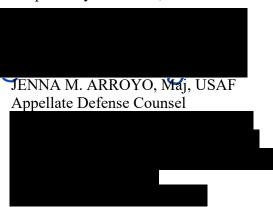
The record of trial was re-docketed with this Court on 20 April 2021. From the date of

docketing to the present date, 52 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 120 days will have

elapsed.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the

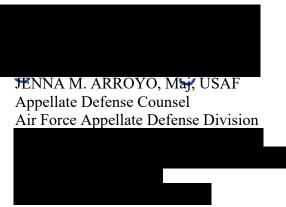
requested enlargement of time.





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UNITED STATES,) UNITED STATES' GENERAL
Appellee,) OPPOSITION TO APPELLANT'S
) MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT
v.) OF TIME
Airman First Class (E-3)) ACM S32688
NESTOR J. GUERECA TORRES, USAF,)
Appellant.) Panel No. 3
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TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States

hereby enters its general opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to file an

Assignment of Error in this case.

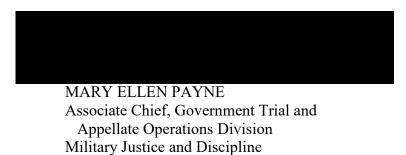
WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's

enlargement motion.

MARY ELLEN PAYNE Associate Chief, Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division Military Justice and Discipline <u>United States Air Force</u>

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Appellate Defense Division on <u>14 June 2021</u>.



<u>United States Air Force</u>

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UNITED STATES	Appellee
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MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME (SECOND)

Before Panel No. 3

No. ACM S32688

11 August 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(3) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for an enlargement of time to file an Assignments of Error (AOE). Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of 30 days, which will end on **17 September 2021**. The record of trial was docketed with this Court on 20 April 2021. From the date of docketing to the present date, 113 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 150 days will have elapsed.

On 18 March 2021, consistent with his plea, Appellant was convicted at a special courtmartial at Holloman Air Force Base (AFB), New Mexico, of one charge and one specification of desertion in violation of Article 85, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). R. at 42. The military judge sentenced Appellant to be reprimanded, to be reduced to the grade of E-1, to forfeit \$1,190 of his pay per month for two months, to be restricted to the limits of Holloman AFB for 30 days, to be confined for 37 days, and to be discharged from the service with a bad conduct discharge. R. at 73. The convening authority took no action on the findings or

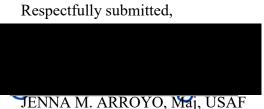
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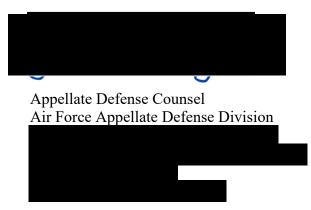
Through no fault of Appellant, undersigned counsel has been working on other assigned matters and has not yet started her review of Appellant's case. Accordingly, an enlargement of time is necessary to allow undersigned counsel to fully review Appellant's case and advise Appellant regarding potential errors.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the requested enlargement of time.



JENNA M. ARROYO, Maj, USAF Appellate Defense Counsel Air Force Appellate Defense Division

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UNITED STATES,) UNITED STATES' GENERAL	L
Appellee,) OPPOSITION TO APPELLAN	NT'S
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v.) OF TIME	
Airman First Class (E-3)) ACM \$32688	
NESTOR J. GUERECA TORRES, USAF,)	
Appellant.) Panel No. 3	
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TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States

hereby enters its general opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to file an

Assignment of Error in this case.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's

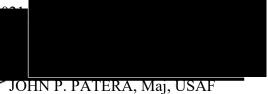
enlargement motion.



JOHN P. PATERA, Maj, USAF Appellate Government Counsel, Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division Military Justice and Discipline <u>United States Air Force</u>

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Appellate Defense Division on <u>12 August</u>



Appellate Government Counsel, Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division Military Justice and Discipline <u>United States Air Force</u>

UNITED STATES Appellee)
v.)
Airman First Class (E-3) NESTOR J. GUERECA TORRES)
United States Air Force Appellant)

MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME (THIRD)

Before Panel No. 3

No. ACM S32688

10 September 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(3) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for an enlargement of time to file an Assignments of Error (AOE). Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of 30 days, which will end on **17 October 2021**. The record of trial was docketed with this Court on 20 April 2021. From the date of docketing to the present date, 143 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 180 days will have elapsed.

On 18 March 2021, consistent with his plea, Appellant was convicted at a special courtmartial at Holloman Air Force Base (AFB), New Mexico, of one charge and one specification of desertion in violation of Article 85, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). R. at 42. The military judge sentenced Appellant to be reprimanded, to be reduced to the grade of E-1, to forfeit \$1,190 of his pay per month for two months, to be restricted to the limits of Holloman AFB for 30 days, to be confined for 37 days, and to be discharged from the service with a bad conduct discharge. R. at 73. The convening authority took no action on the findings or

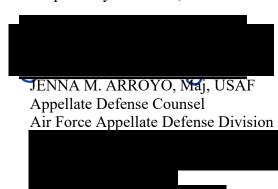
sentence. ROT, Vol. 1, Decision on Action, dated 30 March 2021.

record consists of 2 prosecution exhibits, 7 defense exhibits, and 5 appellate exhibits; pt is 73 pages. Appellant is not currently confined.



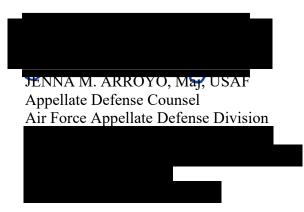
Through no fault of Appellant, undersigned counsel has been working on other assigned matters and has not yet started her review of Appellant's case. Accordingly, an enlargement of time is necessary to allow undersigned counsel to fully review Appellant's case and advise Appellant regarding potential errors.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the requested enlargement of time.



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served on the Appellate Government Division on 10 September 2021.



UNITED STATES,)	UNITED STATES' GENERAL
Appellee,)	OPPOSITION TO APPELLANT'S
)	MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT
v.)	OF TIME
Airman First Class (E-3))	ACM S32688
NESTOR J. GUERECA TORRES, USAF,)	
Appellant.)	Panel No. 3
)	

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States

hereby enters its general opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to file an

Assignment of Error in this case.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's

enlargement motion.



MARY ELLEN PAYNE Associate Chief, Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division Military Justice and Discipline <u>United States A</u>ir Force

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was delivered to the Court and to the Air Force

Appellate Defense Division on <u>14 September 2021</u>.



MARY ELLEN PAYNE Associate Chief, Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division Military Justice and Discipline United States Air Force

UNITED STATES Appellee)
V.)
Aimmon First Class (F. 2)))
Airman First Class (E-3) NESTOR J. GUERECA TORRES)
United States Air Force)
Appellant)

MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME (FOURTH)

Before Panel No. 3

No. ACM S32688

5 October 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(3) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for an enlargement of time to file an Assignments of Error (AOE). Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of 30 days, which will end on **16 November 2021**. The record of trial was docketed with this Court on 20 April 2021. From the date of docketing to the present date, 168 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 210 days will have elapsed.

On 18 March 2021, consistent with his plea, Appellant was convicted at a special courtmartial at Holloman Air Force Base (AFB), New Mexico, of one charge and one specification of desertion in violation of Article 85, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). R. at 42. The military judge sentenced Appellant to be reprimanded, to be reduced to the grade of E-1, to forfeit \$1,190 of his pay per month for two months, to be restricted to the limits of Holloman AFB for 30 days, to be confined for 37 days, and to be discharged from the service with a bad conduct discharge. R. at 73. The convening authority took no action on the findings or

ROT, Vol. 1, Decision on Action, dated 30 March 2021.

record consists of 2 prosecution exhibits, 7 defense exhibits, and 5 appellate exhibits; record consists of 2 prosecution exhibits, 7 defense exhibits, and 5 appellate exhibits; record consists of 2 prosecution exhibits, 7 defense exhibits, and 5 appellate exhibits;



Through no fault of Appellant, undersigned counsel has been working on other assigned matters and has not yet started her review of Appellant's case. Appellant's military appellate counsel is currently assigned 27 cases; 10 cases are pending initial AOEs before this Court. This is military counsel's eighth priority case. The following cases have priority over the present case:

1. United States v. Halter, Jr., ACM S32666 – The record of trial in this case has 3 volumes, and the trial transcript is 199 pages. There are 4 prosecution exhibits, 2 defense exhibits, and 8 appellate exhibits. Counsel has completed her review of Appellant's ROT and is drafting his Assignments of Error.

2. United States v. Baines, Jr., ACM 39989 – The record of trial in this case has 4 volumes, and the trial transcript is 97 pages. There are 14 prosecution exhibits, 13 defense exhibits, and 7 appellate exhibits. Counsel has completed her review of Appellant's ROT to begin drafting this Assignments of Error.

3. United States v. Caffrey, ACM 39879 (f rev) – The record of trial in this case has 3 volumes, and the trial transcript is 96 pages. There are 3 prosecution exhibits, 19 defense exhibits, and 4 appellate exhibits. This case was re-docketed after being remanded to fix an issue with the convening authority's action. Counsel has completed her review of Appellant's ROT to begin drafting his Assignments of Error.

4. United States v. Knodel, ACM 40018 – The record of trial in this case has 7 volumes, and the trial transcript is 727 pages. There are 18 prosecution exhibits, 62 defense exhibits, and 29 appellate exhibits. Counsel has completed her review of Appellant's ROT and is consulting with Appellant's civilian defense counsel regarding issues to raise and further research to conduct in order to begin drafting Appellant's Assignments of Error. Furthermore, counsel submitted a

Motion to Compel Discovery in Appellant's case on 27 September 2021.

5. *United States v. Daniels III*, ACM 39407 (rem) - The record of trial in this case consists of 19 volumes and the transcript is 1123 pages. There are 25 prosecution exhibits, 23 defense exhibits, and 75 appellate exhibits. While reviewed by Appellant's previously detailed counsel, current detailed counsel has not yet had an opportunity to review Appellant's ROT.

6. *United States v. Greenfield*, ACM 40023 – The record of trial in this case consists of 5 volumes and the trial transcript is 147 pages. There are 3 prosecution exhibits, 4 defense exhibits, and 20 appellate exhibits. Counsel has not yet begun her review of Appellant's ROT.

7. *United States v. Carlile*, ACM 40053 – The record of trial in this case consists of 7 volumes and the trial transcript is 504 pages. There are 7 prosecution exhibits, 0 defense exhibits, and 8 appellate exhibits. Counsel has not yet begun her review of Appellant's ROT.

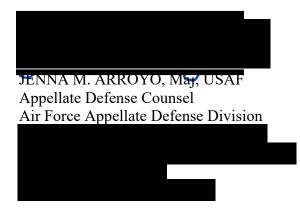
Accordingly, an enlargement of time is necessary to allow undersigned counsel to fully review Appellant's case and advise Appellant regarding potential errors.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the requested enlargement of time.

JENNA M. ARROYO, Maj, USAF Appellate Defense Counsel Air Force Appellate Defense Division

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served on the Appellate Government Division on 5 October 2021.



UNITED STATES,) UNITED STATES' GENERAL
Appellee,) OPPOSITION TO APPELLANT'S
) MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT
V.) OF TIME
Airman First Class (E-3)) ACM \$32688
NESTOR J. GUERECA TORRES, USAF, <i>Appellant.</i>) Panel No. 3
)

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States

hereby enters its general opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to file an

Assignment of Error in this case.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's

enlargement motion.



MARY ELLEN PAYNE Associate Chief, Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division Military Justice and Discipline United States Air Force

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Appellate Defense Division on 7 October 2021.



MARY ELLEN PAYNE Associate Chief, Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division Military Justice and Discipline United States Air Force

UNITED STATES)	No. ACM S32688
Appellee)	
)	
v.)	
)	ORDER
Nestor J. GUERECA TORRES)	
Airman First Class (E-3))	
U.S. Air Force)	
Appellant)	Panel 3

On 9 November 2021, counsel for Appellant submitted a Motion for Enlargement of Time (Fifth) requesting an additional 30 days to submit an assignment of error brief, which would set a new deadline of 16 December 2021, 240 days after Appellant's case was docketed with the court. On 10 November 2021, the Government entered a general opposition to Appellant's motion.

According to Appellant's motion, this is appellate defense counsel's sixth priority case. Appellate defense counsel further states he has not yet completed a full review of the record of trial.

Accordingly, it is by the court on this 16th day of November, 2021,

ORDERED:

Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time (Fifth) is **GRANTED**. Appellant's brief will be due **16 December 2021**. Any subsequent motions for enlargement of time shall, in addition to the matters required under this court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, include a statement as to: (1) whether Appellant was advised of his right to a timely appeal, (2) whether Appellant was advised of the request for an enlargement of time, and (3) whether Appellant agrees with the request for an enlargement of time.



FOR THE COURT

TANICA S. BAGMON Appellate Court Paralegal

UNITED STATES Appellee)
v.)
Airman First Class (E-3) NESTOR J. GUERECA TORRES United States Air Force))
Appellant)

MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME (FIFTH)

Before Panel No. 3

No. ACM S32688

9 November 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(3) and (m)(6) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for an enlargement of time to file an Assignments of Error (AOE). Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of 30 days, which will end on **16 December 2021**. The record of trial was docketed with this Court on 20 April 2021. From the date of docketing to the present date, 203 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 240 days will have elapsed.

On 18 March 2021, consistent with his plea, Appellant was convicted at a special courtmartial at Holloman Air Force Base (AFB), New Mexico, of one charge and one specification of desertion in violation of Article 85, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). R. at 42. The military judge sentenced Appellant to be reprimanded, to be reduced to the grade of E-1, to forfeit \$1,190 of his pay per month for two months, to be restricted to the limits of Holloman AFB for 30 days, to be confined for 37 days, and to be discharged from the service with a bad conduct discharge. R. at 73. The convening authority took no action on the findings or sentence. ROT, Vol. 1, Decision on Action, dated 30 March 2021.

The record consists of 2 prosecution exhibits, 7 defense exhibits, and 5 appellate exhibits; the transcript is 73 pages. Appellant is not currently confined.

Through no fault of Appellant, undersigned counsel has been working on other assigned matters and has not yet started her review of Appellant's case. Appellant's military appellate counsel is currently assigned 28 cases; 9 cases are pending initial AOEs before this Court. This is military counsel's sixth priority case. The following cases have priority over the present case:

1. United States v. Caffrey, ACM 39879 (f rev) – The record of trial in this case has 3 volumes, and the trial transcript is 96 pages. There are 3 prosecution exhibits, 19 defense exhibits, and 4 appellate exhibits. This case was re-docketed after being remanded to fix an issue with the convening authority's action. Counsel is drafting Appellant's Assignments of Error.

2. United States v. Knodel, ACM 40018 – The record of trial in this case has 7 volumes, and the trial transcript is 727 pages. There are 18 prosecution exhibits, 62 defense exhibits, and 29 appellate exhibits. Counsel has completed her review of Appellant's ROT and is consulting with Appellant's civilian defense counsel regarding issues to raise and further research to conduct, and has begun drafting Appellant's Assignments of Error. Undersigned counsel are currently working on an extraordinary writ to the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces following this Court's denial of Appellant's two motions to compel post-trial discovery and his motion to attach.

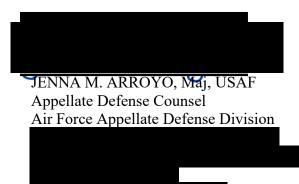
3. *United States v. Daniels III*, ACM 39407 (rem) - The record of trial in this case consists of 19 volumes and the transcript is 1123 pages. There are 25 prosecution exhibits, 23 defense exhibits, and 75 appellate exhibits. While reviewed by Appellant's previously detailed counsel, current detailed counsel is currently reviewing Appellant's ROT, and has reviewed approximately 400 pages of the transcript.

4. *United States v. Greenfield*, ACM 40023 – The record of trial in this case consists of 5 volumes and the trial transcript is 147 pages. There are 3 prosecution exhibits, 4 defense exhibits, and 20 appellate exhibits. Counsel has not yet begun her review of Appellant's ROT.

5. *United States v. Carlile*, ACM 40053 – The record of trial in this case consists of 7 volumes and the trial transcript is 504 pages. There are 7 prosecution exhibits, 0 defense exhibits, and 8 appellate exhibits. Counsel has not yet begun her review of Appellant's ROT.

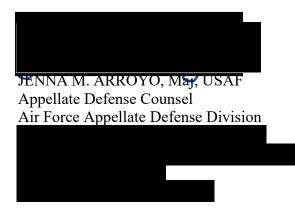
Accordingly, an enlargement of time is necessary to allow undersigned counsel to fully review Appellant's case and advise Appellant regarding potential errors.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the requested enlargement of time.



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served on the Appellate Government Division on 9 November 2021.



UNITED STATES,)	UNITED STATES' GENERAL
Appellee,)	OPPOSITION TO APPELLANT'S
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V.)	OF TIME
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Airman First Class (E-3))	ACM S32688
NESTOR J. GUERECA TORRES, USAF,)	
Appellant.)	Panel No. 3
)	

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States

hereby enters its general opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to file an

Assignment of Error in this case.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's

enlargement motion.



MARY ELLEN PAYNE Associate Chief, Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division Military Justice and Discipline United States Air Force

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was delivered to the Court and to the Air Force

Appellate Defense Division on <u>10 November 2021</u>.



MARY ELLEN PAYNE Associate Chief, Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division Military Justice and Discipline United States Air Force

UNITED STATES Appellee)
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V.)
Airman First Class (E-3))
NESTOR J. GUERECA TORRES)
United States Air Force)
Appellant)

MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME (SIXTH)

Before Panel No. 3

No. ACM S32688

8 December 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(3) and (m)(6) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for an enlargement of time to file an Assignments of Error (AOE). Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of 30 days, which will end on **15 January 2022**. The record of trial was docketed with this Court on 20 April 2021. From the date of docketing to the present date, 232 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 270 days will have elapsed.

On 18 March 2021, consistent with his plea, Appellant was convicted at a special courtmartial at Holloman Air Force Base (AFB), New Mexico, of one charge and one specification of desertion in violation of Article 85, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). R. at 42. The military judge sentenced Appellant to be reprimanded, to be reduced to the grade of E-1, to forfeit \$1,190 of his pay per month for two months, to be restricted to the limits of Holloman AFB for 30 days, to be confined for 37 days, and to be discharged from the service with a bad conduct discharge. R. at 73. The convening authority took no action on the findings or



)T, Vol. 1, Decision on Action, dated 30 March 2021.

The record consists of 2 prosecution exhibits, 7 defense exhibits, and 5 appellate exhibits; the transcript is 73 pages. Appellant is not currently confined, is aware of his appellate rights, and has consented to necessary requests for extensions of time.

Through no fault of Appellant, undersigned counsel has been working on other assigned matters and has not yet started her review of Appellant's case. Appellant's military appellate counsel is currently assigned 28 cases; 9 cases are pending initial AOEs before this Court. This is military counsel's sixth priority case. The following cases have priority over the present case:

1. United States v. Martinez, ACM 39903 (f rev) – Counsel is preparing for oral argument in Appellant's case, which is scheduled for 10 December 2021. This Court granted two of Appellant's requested issues, and specified an additional two issues for briefing during oral arguments.

2. United States v. Knodel, ACM 40018 – The record of trial in this case has 7 volumes, and the trial transcript is 727 pages. There are 18 prosecution exhibits, 62 defense exhibits, and 29 appellate exhibits. Counsel has completed her review of Appellant's ROT and is consulting with Appellant's civilian appellate defense counsel regarding issues to raise and further research to conduct, and has begun drafting Appellant's Assignments of Error. Undersigned counsel submitted an extraordinary writ to the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (CAAF) on 17 November 2021, in which they requested that a *DuBay* hearing be ordered. Counsel also submitted two additional motions to the CAAF: a motion to supplement the record and a motion to stay proceedings. While awaiting the CAAF's decision on Appellant's extraordinary writ and two motions, Appellant's military and civilian appellate defense counsel continue to work on drafting Appellant's Assignments of Error, and are gathering affidavits to support an ineffective assistance of counsel claim.

3. United States v. Daniels III, ACM 39407 (rem) - The record of trial in this case consists of 19 volumes and the transcript is 1123 pages. There are 25 prosecution exhibits, 23 defense exhibits, and 75 appellate exhibits. While reviewed by Appellant's previously detailed counsel, current detailed counsel is currently reviewing Appellant's ROT, and has reviewed approximately 500 pages of the transcript.

4. *United States v. Greenfield*, ACM 40023 – The record of trial in this case consists of 5 volumes and the trial transcript is 147 pages. There are 3 prosecution exhibits, 4 defense exhibits, and 20 appellate exhibits. Counsel has begun her review of Appellant's ROT.

5. *United States v. Carlile*, ACM 40053 – The record of trial in this case consists of 7 volumes and the trial transcript is 504 pages. There are 7 prosecution exhibits, 0 defense exhibits, and 8 appellate exhibits. Counsel has not yet begun her review of Appellant's ROT.

Accordingly, an enlargement of time is necessary to allow undersigned counsel to fully review Appellant's case and advise Appellant regarding potential errors.

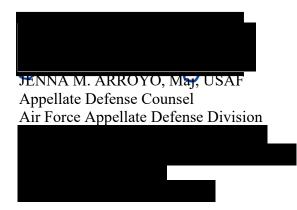
WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the requested enlargement of time.

JENNA M. ARROYO, Maj, USAF

Appellate Defense Counsel Air Force Appellate Defense Division

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served on the Appellate Government Division on 8 December 2021.



UNITED STATES,)	UNITED STATES' GENERAL
Appellee,)	OPPOSITION TO APPELLANT'S
)	MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT
V.)	OF TIME
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Airman First Class (E-3))	ACM S32688
NESTOR J. GUERECA TORRES, USAF,)	
Appellant.)	Panel No. 3
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TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States

hereby enters its general opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to file an

Assignment of Error in this case.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's

enlargement motion.



MARY ELLEN PAYNE Associate Chief, Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division Military Justice and Discipline United States Air Force

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was delivered to the Court and to the Air Force

Appellate Defense Division on <u>10 December 2021</u>.



MARY ELLEN PAYNE Associate Chief, Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division Military Justice and Discipline United States Air Force

UNITED STATES	
	Appellee
v.	
Airman First Class (E-3)	
NESTOR J. GUEREC	A TORRES
United States Air Force	
	Annellant

MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME (SEVENTH)

Before Panel No. 3

No. ACM S32688

7 January 2022

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(3) and (m)(6) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for an enlargement of time to file an Assignments of Error (AOE). Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of 30 days, which will end on 14 **February 2022**. The record of trial was docketed with this Court on 20 April 2021. From the date of docketing to the present date, 262 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 300 days will have elapsed.

On 18 March 2021, consistent with his plea, Appellant was convicted at a special courtmartial at Holloman Air Force Base (AFB), New Mexico, of one charge and one specification of desertion in violation of Article 85, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). R. at 42. The military judge sentenced Appellant to be reprimanded, to be reduced to the grade of E-1, to forfeit \$1,190 of his pay per month for two months, to be restricted to the limits of Holloman AFB for 30 days, to be confined for 37 days, and to be discharged from the service with a bad conduct discharge. R. at 73. The convening authority took no action on the findings or september of ROT, Vol. 1, Decision on Action, dated 30 March 2021.



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Through no fault of Appellant, undersigned counsel has been working on other assigned matters and has not yet started her review of Appellant's case. Appellant's military appellate counsel is currently assigned 28 cases; 9 cases are pending initial AOEs before this Court. This is military counsel's fifth priority case. The following cases¹ have priority over the present case:

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¹ Since the filing of counsel's last EOT, military counsel presented oral argument before a panel of this Court, and filed a Supplement to Petition for Grant of Review at the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces on 5 January 2022. Military counsel was also on approved leave outside the local area for the holidays from 20 December 2021 through 30 December 2021. Military counsel was off on 31 December 2021 and 3 January 2022 for the holiday and family day.

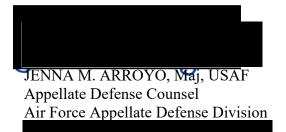
current detailed counsel is currently reviewing Appellant's ROT, and has reviewed approximately 700 pages of the transcript. Counsel has also requested to view the sealed classified materials in this case. Counsel do not expect to file any further EOTs in this case absent extraordinary circumstances.

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Accordingly, an enlargement of time is necessary to allow undersigned counsel to fully review Appellant's case and advise Appellant regarding potential errors.

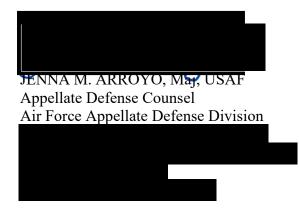
WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the requested enlargement of time.



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UNITED STATES,) UNITED STATES'
Appellee,) OPPOSITION TO APPELLANT'S
) MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT
v.) OF TIME
Airman First Class (E-3)) ACM S32688
NESTOR J. GUERECA TORRES, USAF,)
Appellant.) Panel No. 3
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TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States hereby enters its opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time.

The United States respectfully maintains that, short of a death penalty case or other extraordinary circumstances, it should not take any appellant nearly a year to submit an assignment of error to this Court. If Appellant's new delay request is granted, the defense delay in this case will be 300 days in length. Appellant's nearly year-long delay practically ensures this Court will not be able to issue a decision that complies with our superior Court's appellate processing standards. Appellant has already consumed almost two-thirds of the 18-month standard for this Court to issue a decision, which only leaves about 6 months combined for the United States and this Court to perform their separate statutory responsibilities. It appears that Appellant's counsel hasn't even begun her review of the record of trial at this late stage of the appellate process.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's enlargement motion.

MARY ELLEN PAYNE Associate Chief, Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division Military Justice and Discipline United States Air Force

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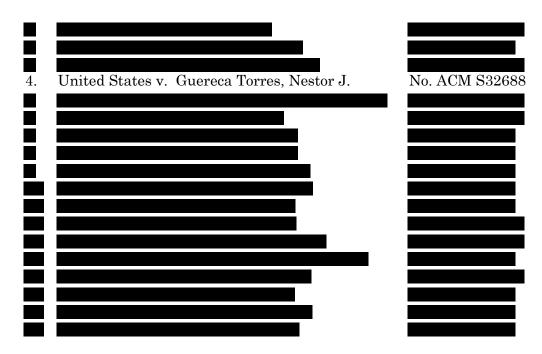
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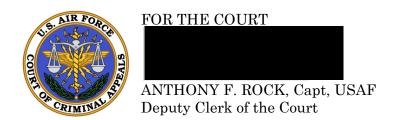
It is by the court on this 20th day of January, 2022,

ORDERED:

The following records of trial are withdrawn from Panel 3 and referred to Panel 2 for appellate review.



This panel letter supersedes all previous assignments.



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MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME (EIGHTH)

Before Panel No. 2

No. ACM S32688

7 February 2022

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(3) and (m)(6) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for an enlargement of time to file an Assignments of Error (AOE). Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of 30 days, which will end on **16 March 2022**. The record of trial was docketed with this Court on 20 April 2021. From the date of docketing to the present date, 293 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 330 days will have elapsed.

On 18 March 2021, consistent with his plea, Appellant was convicted at a special courtmartial at Holloman Air Force Base (AFB), New Mexico, of one charge and one specification of desertion in violation of Article 85, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). R. at 42. The military judge sentenced Appellant to be reprimanded, to be reduced to the grade of E-1, to forfeit \$1,190 of his pay per month for two months, to be restricted to the limits of Holloman AFB for 30 days, to be confined for 37 days, and to be discharged from the service with a bad



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;e. R. at 73. The convening authority took no action on the findings or Vol. 1, Decision on Action, dated 30 March 2021.

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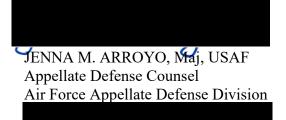
(including the sealed classified materials), is reviewing the rest of his ROT, has identified issues, and has begun drafting Appellant's Assignments of Error. Appellant's brief is due 25 February 2022, and counsel do not expect to file any further EOTs in this case absent extraordinary circumstances.

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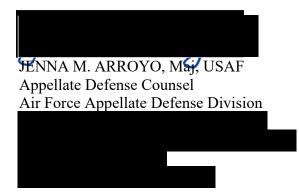
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TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States hereby enters its opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time. This response is out of time due to an administrative oversight.

The United States respectfully maintains that, short of a death penalty case or other extraordinary circumstances, it should not take any appellant nearly a year to submit an assignment of error to this Court. If Appellant's new delay request is granted, the defense delay in this case will be 330 days in length. Appellant's nearly year-long delay practically ensures this Court will not be able to issue a decision that complies with our superior Court's appellate processing standards. Appellant has already consumed almost two-thirds of the 18-month standard for this Court to issue a decision, which only leaves about 6 months combined for the United States and this Court to perform their separate statutory responsibilities. It appears that Appellant's counsel hasn't even begun her review of the record of trial at this late stage of the appellate process.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's enlargement motion.

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MERITS BRIEF

Before Panel No. 2

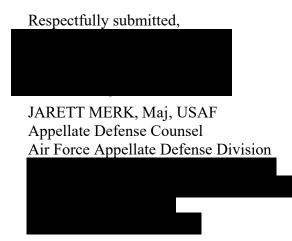
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TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Submission of Case Without Specific Assignments of Error

The undersigned appellate defense counsel attests he has, on behalf of A1C Nestor J. Guereca Torres, Appellant, carefully examined the record of trial in this case. A1C Guereca Torres, does not admit that the findings and sentence are correct in law and fact, but submits the case to this Honorable Court on its merits with no specific assignments of error.¹



¹ A1C Guereca Torres has conformed this merits brief to the format in Appendix B of this Honorable Court's Rule of Practice and Procedure. A1C Guereca Torres understands this Court will exercise its independent "awesome, plenary, and de novo power" to review the entire record of this proceeding for factual and legal sufficiency, and for sentence propriety, and to "substitute its judgment" for that of the court below, as is provided for and required by Article 66(c), UCMJ, 10 U.S.C. §866(c) (2012) [now Article 66(d), UCMJ, 10 U.S.C. §866(d) (2019)]. *United States v. Cole*, 31 M.J. 270, 272 (C.M.A. 1990); *United States v. Chin*, 75 M.J. 220 (C.A.A.F. 2016).

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