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Petitioner contends that his sentence under the federal Sentencing Guidelines was imposed in violation of the rule announced in Blakely v. Washington, 124 S. Ct. 2531 (2004). This Court has granted certiorari in United States v. Booker, No. 04-104 (cert. granted August 2, 2004), and United States v. Fanfan, No. 04-105 (cert. granted August 2, 2004), to consider whether Blakely applies to the federal Sentencing Guidelines, and, if so, how federal sentencing should be conducted in light of such a conclusion. If the Court were to hold that Blakely applies to the Guidelines, the proper disposition of petitioner's claim could be affected by such a holding (as well as by any applicable doctrines

of waiver, forfeiture, and harmless error). Accordingly, the petition for a writ of certiorari should be held pending this Court's decisions in <u>Booker</u> and <u>Fanfan</u>, and then disposed of as appropriate in light of the decisions in those cases.

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The government waives any further response to the petition unless this Court requests otherwise.