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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND DIVISION

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES
UNION FOUNDATION, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 19-CV-00290-EMC

STIPULATION

Plaintiffs American Civil Liberties Union Foundation and American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Northern California, and Defendant Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”), hereby stipulate to a suspension of briefing on Plaintiffs’ challenge to the adequacy of the search conducted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) pending CBP’s completion of a supplemental search described below and processing and production of responsive documents. The parties further stipulate that adjudication of the remaining issues in the parties’ cross-motions need not await the completion of CBP’s supplemental search and production of records.

DHS states that while CBP’s original searches included multiple electronic repositories, due to a misunderstanding among CBP offices surrounding relative

1 roles in conducting the original searches, CBP did not originally conduct a
2 centralized electronic keyword search of email records through the Office of
3 Information Technology specifically scoped to items 3 or 4 of Plaintiffs' FOIA
4 request. CBP agrees that such a search should have been conducted. CBP will now
5 endeavor to conduct a centralized electronic keyword search of email records of
6 relevant custodians in an effort to identify records responsive to items 3 and 4 (the
7 "Supplemental Search").

8 The parties agree that the cut-off date for CBP's Supplemental Search will
9 be the date that it is commenced, but that CBP will not supplement its prior
10 searches in this case, which were commenced on earlier dates.

11 Respectfully submitted,

12 DATED: May 20, 2021

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