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BY ECF
Hon. Lorna G. Schofield
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, New York 10007

      Re: *American Civil Liberties Union et al. v. Office of the Director of National*
                Intelligence, et al., 18 Civ. 12131 (LGS)

Dear Judge Schofield:

      I write respectfully to inform the Court that the final production in this Freedom of
Information Act ("FOIA") case—which the Department of Justice's National Security Division
is supposed to make on April 3, 2020, *see* ECF No. 35, at 2—will be delayed due to the COVID-
19 epidemic. Specifically, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Record/Information
Dissemination Section ("RIDS"), which is reviewing the documents for the upcoming release,
has been effectively closed until at least March 30, since the work of its employees cannot be
done remotely as it is done on classified computer systems. At this point we are unable to
estimate when the production will be made. Plaintiffs have been informed of this development
and consent to the delay. The Government will promptly notify Plaintiffs when RIDS resumes
its FOIA processing operations.

      The parties further jointly propose that the date for their next scheduled status report,
which is currently due on April 17, 2020, *see* ECF No. 35, at 3, be extended until two weeks
after RIDS resumes its FOIA processing operations, to give the parties the opportunity to confer
on a new proposed timeline for their production.

      I thank the Court for its consideration of this matter.

Application GRANTED IN PART. The deadline for
the parties to submit their next scheduled status
report is hereby extended from April 17, 2020, to
June 1, 2020.
SO ORDERED.
Dated: April 21, 2020
New York, New York

Respectfully,

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE