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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 Federal Bureau of Investigation's Record/Information Dissemination Section ("RIDS") has still been unable to process the documents for the final production in this Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") case—which was originally due on April 3, 2020, see ECF No. 35, at 2—due to the COVID-19 epidemic. RIDS's operations have been seriously impacted by office closures and stay-at-home orders affecting its staff, as this review work cannot be conducted remotely. At this time, there remains no firm schedule for the resumption of this work. The parties thus jointly propose that they provide a further status report in one month, on July 1, regarding whether document processing has resumed, and if so, to propose a schedule for the completion of the review and production of the documents in question.

I thank the Court for its consideration of this matter.

The parties shall jointly file a status report on July 1, 2020, regarding whether document processing has resumed and, if so, proposing a schedule for the completion of document review and production. SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 2, 2020 New York, New York Respectfully,

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