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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 on behalf of both parties in the above-captioned FOIA lawsuit to provide a status report, as required by the Court's January 19, 2022 order, ECF No. 85.

Since the parties' March 7 status report, we have continued to discuss the government's assertion of exemptions regarding certain documents. Plaintiffs have requested additional information about the government's withholding in full of certain records, and Plaintiffs continue to await a substantive response from the government as to whether the agencies will provide any additional information about the basis for these withholdings.

As noted in the last status report, the government has also agreed to reexamine its assertion of exemptions in Item 9 records to ensure that its processing is consistent with previous non-FOIA official disclosures. The government intends to complete this reprocessing by May 2, 2022.

The government's processing of Item 6 records is ongoing, consistent with the operative schedule.

No party requests any relief from the Court at this time.

I thank the Court for its consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

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