

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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| MUSLIM ADVOCATES, AMERICANS UNITED FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE, and SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER, |) | |
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| Plaintiffs, |) | |
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| v. |) | No. 1:17-cv-02080-TSC |
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| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, and U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, |) | Hon. Tanya S. Chutkan |
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| Defendants. |) | |

JOINT STATUS REPORT

The parties respectfully submit this Second Joint Status Report pursuant to the Court’s order of February 26, 2018. The parties have met and conferred, and they report as follows:

1. Plaintiffs initiated this action under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) on October 5, 2017. (ECF No. 1). The complaint alleges that this action involves FOIA requests dated June 27, 2017, and submitted to the United States Department of State (“DOS”), United States Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”), and United States Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) (collectively, “Defendants”). Defendants answered the complaint on January 26, 2018. (ECF No. 8). The parties filed a joint status report on February 20, 2018.

2. Consistent with the timeline set forth in the February 20 report, Defendants made an initial release of responsive, non-exempt records to Plaintiffs on March 23, 2018. In addition, Defendants DHS and CBP have concluded their searches for records that are potentially responsive to Plaintiffs' FOIA requests and DOS anticipates finishing by the end of next month.

3. Defendants are currently reviewing the results of their searches and will need additional time to determine the total number of documents that are responsive to Plaintiffs' FOIA requests. Defendants thus are unable to estimate the dates on which they will be able to complete their production of responsive, non-exempt records to Plaintiffs. However, based on the results of their reviews to date, Defendants anticipate that they can release additional responsive, non-exempt records to Plaintiff on a rolling basis, with a second production to occur by April 30, and a third production to occur by May 31.

4. The parties propose that they file with the Court a Third Joint Status Report on June 4, 2018, in which Defendants will provide the Court with an update on the status of Defendants' processing of Plaintiffs' FOIA requests, and the parties will provide further information responsive to the Court's January 27 Order.

Dated: April 15, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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