

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ROGER HALL, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	Civil Action No. 04-0814 (RCL)
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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY,)	
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Defendant.)	
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STATUS REPORT

Defendant, the Central Intelligence Agency (“CIA” or “Agency”), respectfully submits this status report to apprise the Court of the status of the CIA’s supplemental search of its operational files in this Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) matter. Accordingly, the Agency states as follows:

1. In Defendant’s latest status report dated June 18, 2020 (ECF No. 348), the CIA reported that, due to the impact on Agency operations caused by the government-wide response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the CIA had not completed its search of the operational files for any potentially responsive records to Plaintiffs’ FOIA request. The CIA noted that it is prioritizing mission-critical activities and, as a result, staffing levels for other activities (including search taskings) have been significantly reduced. *Id.*

2. The CIA has initiated its supplemental search of operational files. If any responsive records are located within its operational files, the CIA will process potential responsive records on a rolling basis beginning mid-October. As noted above, the CIA is continuing to take precautions to reduce the likelihood of transmission or community spread of the disease within

the workplace. Because the CIA is prioritizing mission-critical activities, the CIA's FOIA staffing and processing capabilities have not yet returned to normal.

3. In light of the above, the CIA respectfully proposes that it provide another update to the Court by October 30, 2020, to provide the Court with an update regarding the Agency's supplemental search of its operational files.

A proposed order is attached.

Dated: September 17, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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