UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

LOIS MOORE, et al.,	)
Plaintiffs,	)
v.	) Civil Action No. 20ev1027 (RCL)
UNITED STATES CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY	) )
Defendant.	) ) )

## **STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to this Court's Minute Order dated May 5, 2021, Defendant Central Intelligence Agency ("Defendant" or "CIA"), through undersigned counsel and with consultation with counsel for Plaintiffs, respectfully provide the following Status Report to the Court:

- 1. On April 28, 2020, Plaintiffs Lois Moore, Robert Moore, Jana Orear, Christianne O'Malley, and Mark Sauter ("Plaintiffs") commenced this litigation against the CIA alleging that the CIA failed to respond to their FOIA request for information regarding American POWs of the Korean War being transported to China and the Soviet Union for imprisonment and interrogation. ECF No. 1 (Complaint).
  - 2. On June 3, 2020, CIA filed an Answer to the Complaint. ECF No. 6 (Answer).
- 3. In the last report, Defendant informed the Court that Defendant's FOIA Office completed its search for responsive documents, began processing those records, and made a production to Plaintiffs on April 30, 2021. Defendant further informed the Court that it anticipated making a final, production on or before June 25, 2021.
- 4. Since that Status Report, Defendant made a production to Plaintiffs on June 25, 2021. Additionally, Defendant has determined that further searches are necessary to ensure it

has located all documents that may be responsive to Plaintiff's request. Defendant is currently

conducting those searches.

5. Accordingly, Defendant needs to modify its estimated time of completion –

Defendant now anticipates making a final response to Plaintiff's FOIA request on or before

August 24, 2021.

6. The parties cannot determine whether summary judgment briefing will be

necessary until the CIA has completed its review/production of responsive, non-exempt records

and the parties have had an opportunity to confer regarding the production and any

withholdings.

7. The Defendant proposes to file a further Status Report on or before August 30,

2021, during which the Defendant will inform the Court if the matter has been resolved or if the

parties will be requesting a summary judgment schedule.

Dated: June 30, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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