

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

ACCURACY IN MEDIA, INC. <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	
)	Case No. 14-1589 (EGS)
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Defendants.)	
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JOINT STATUS REPORT

In accordance with the Court’s Minute Order dated May 18, 2016, the parties jointly submit this status report. *See* Minute Order of May 18, 2016. Plaintiffs initiated this Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) lawsuit on September 19, 2014, seeking disclosure of documents related to the September 11, 2012 attack on the American embassy in Benghazi, Libya. ECF No. 1. After Defendants filed their answer, Plaintiffs filed a Supplemental Complaint on January 7, 2015, and a Second Amended Complaint on June 24, 2015. ECF Nos. 11 & 31.

In its February 5, 2016 status report, Defendant Department of State (“State”) proposed that it make two additional productions of documents in this case, on March 21, 2016, and May 5, 2016. ECF No. 41. The Court did not enter any scheduling order in response to State’s proposal, but State made an initial production on March 21, 2016, and a second production on May 5, 2016. On May 5, 2016, State filed an unopposed motion for an extension of time in which it informed the Court that it had very recently identified a source of potentially-responsive documents that has not previously been searched, and requested an extension of time until May 12, 2016, to process those documents into an electronic database and perform keyword searches.

ECF No. 43. State proposed that the parties would then confer regarding a production schedule and file a joint status report. The Court granted State's motion by minute order dated May 18, 2016. As proposed described in State's motion, keyword searches of the remaining documents were completed on May 12, 2016.

The parties have conferred regarding a production schedule in this case and are close to coming to an agreement, which potentially would narrow the FOIA requests at issue. While the parties continue to engage in those discussions, they request an additional seven (7) days to continue those discussions and to file a joint status report by June 2, 2016.

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Respectfully submitted,

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