IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Alexandria Division

MICHAEL DRIGGS, et al., Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil No. 1:23cv1124 (DJN)

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, Defendant.

ORDER (Directing Periodic Status Updates)

This matter comes before the Court *sua sponte*. On May 10, 2024, the parties informed the Court that the CIA could not estimate how long it would take to search for and process records responsive to Plaintiffs' FOIA request until the Court decided whether Plaintiffs were entitled to a search of the CIA's operational files. (ECF No. 24 at 2.) The Court ruled on that issue on May 21. (ECF No. 25.) In light of the parties' representations and the Court's decision on May 21, the Court finds it appropriate to require the parties to regularly update the Court on the progress of this action towards summary judgment, as the parties voluntarily did in the *Moore* case. *See, e.g.*, Status Report, *Moore v. CIA* (D.D.C. June 30, 2021) (ECF No. 18) (providing one such update). The Court accordingly DIRECTS the parties to file joint status reports every 60 days, with the first such report due on or before <u>June 14, 2024</u>.

Let the Clerk file a copy of this Order electronically and notify all counsel of record.

It is so ORDERED.

David J. Novak

United States District Judge

Richmond, Virginia Date: May 23, 2024