

**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,		)	
		)	
Defendant.		)	
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**STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to the Court’s Order dated April 24 2020, 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. On August 2, 2019, the Court concluded that the CIA had either completed (or was about to complete) two of the three remaining tasks in this litigation: (1) disclose previously redacted names of non-CIA employees; (2) provide more specificity on the CIA’s document destruction protocols; and (3) confirm whether additional records allegedly shown to Congress exist. *See* Mem. & Order (ECF No. 340) at 1. The Court found that only the third task remained in dispute and ordered the CIA to search its operational files and “explain whether any additional responsive records exist and, if so, why they remain operational.” *Id.* at 3.

2. The CIA moved for reconsideration of the Court’s August 2, 2019, Order, *see* ECF No. 342, and informed the Court that it had completed its supplemental production of the records associated with the first task noted above, *see id.* at 4, n.2. The Court denied the CIA’s reconsideration motion on March 31, 2020. *See* ECF No. 345.

3. The CIA has not completed its search of the operational files for any potentially responsive records to Plaintiffs' FOIA request.

4. As part of the government-wide response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the CIA is taking precautions to reduce the likelihood of transmission or community spread of the disease within the CIA's workplace. With this in mind, the CIA is prioritizing mission-critical activities, and staffing levels for other activities, including search taskings, is significantly reduced. Given the complexity of the searches required in this case and current unavailability of key search personnel and requisite subject matter experts, the CIA is unable to conduct searches of its operational files at this time.

5. The CIA estimates that it will take approximately 60 days to perform the searches once the necessary search personnel and records experts return to the office. Accordingly, the CIA would respectfully request that it provide another update to the Court within 45 days of this status report (*i.e.*, by June 18, 2020) to provide the Court with an update regarding the status of Agency's operations and search capabilities.

A proposed order is attached.

Dated: May 4, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER**

In light of the CIA’s status report updating the Court on the Agency’s progress in this FOIA matter, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the CIA will file another status report by June 18, 2020, further updating the Court on the status of the CIA’s operations and progress in completing its supplemental search of the operational files.

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Date

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Hon. Royce C. Lamberth  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE