

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

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ROGER HALL, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 04-0814 (RCL)
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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY,)	
)	
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 tasked a search team with conducting a search of the operational files, and it has been categorized as a priority search, but the CIA does not know at this time how long the search will take to complete. 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 September 17, 2020, to provide the Court with an update regarding the status of the Agency's operations and search of the operational files.

A proposed order is attached.

Dated: August 3, 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 September 17, 2020, further updating the Court on the status of the CIA’s operations and progress in completing its supplemental search of the operational files.

Date

Hon. Royce C. Lamberth
United States District Judge