

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

EUGENE B. McDANIEL, <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	Civil Action No. 20-1735 (RCL)
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND	)	
RECORDS ADMINISTRATION,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Plaintiffs and Defendant National Archives and Records Administration (“NARA”), hereby provide the Court with the following Status Report pursuant to the Court’s Minute Order dated October 6, 2023.

Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint on September 1, 2021, adding a second FOIA request submitted to NARA on May 21, 2021 and adding two additional FOIA requesters as Plaintiffs. Defendant answered the amended complaint on September 15, 2021.

Part of the records responsive to Plaintiff’s first request involve records containing national security or other sensitive information (requests 28-48) which required consultation with the equity holding agencies. NARA completed processing all of the 16 documents that were sent out for consultation and made these records available to the plaintiff, with portions withheld under applicable FOIA exemptions.

NARA completed its searches in response to the Plaintiff’s second request. Two portions of the second request deal with archival records. Plaintiff has received final responses with respect to those portions of the request. The remaining portions of the second request seek operational records. NARA previously provided 18,931 pages and 14 spreadsheets in full and 324 pages in part in response to this portion of the request. Since the last status report dated March 31, 2025 (ECF No. 53), NARA has provided additional releases, totaling 533 pages in full. In

total, NARA has provided 19,464 pages in full, 14 spreadsheets in full, and 324 pages in part in response to the request for operational records. Defendant will continue with the processing of Plaintiff's request.

Based on the foregoing, the parties at this time do not see the need for court intervention or the setting of a briefing schedule for dispositive motions. Pursuant to the October 6, 2023, order of the Court, the parties will file a joint status report on or before May 30, 2025, to update the Court on the status of the FOIA requests.

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Respectfully submitted,

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