

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.	)	
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JOINT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiffs and Defendant National Archives and Records Administration (“NARA”), hereby provide the Court with the following Status Report.

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 dealt with archival records. Plaintiff has received final responses with respect to those portions of the request.

The remaining portions of the second request sought operational records. As reported in the last joint status report dated July 30, 2025 (ECF No. 57), NARA completed processing this portion of the request and provided final responses to the Plaintiff.

Given the number of pages produced, Plaintiff is in the process of reviewing the

voluminous records. The parties will confer to determine whether the Plaintiff challenges any of the withholdings and whether any other issues remain in this case. 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. The parties request that they file a joint status report on or before December 3, 2025, to update the Court on the status of the FOIA requests.

Dated: September 30, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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