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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] EPIC v. DOJ, 18-902 (D.D.C.) - JSR due Feb. 7
Date: February 25, 2022 at 11:00 AM
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John,

As we discussed, the Service agreed to run additional searches on the AOIC system to address your concerns about precise matches below in your email to me on January 6, 2022. We have confirmed that the search function does not automatically search for names that include other characters other than those searched. However, the Service has confirmed that the search will capture such variations when the search uses a wildcard character (%) before or after a string of characters. So, for example, "%Trump" would include any search results containing characters before the word Trump (e.g., Daisy Trump, Donald Trump). "Trump%" would capture any results with characters after the word Trump (e.g., Trump Company, Trumpets Unlimited, Inc.). And "%Trump%" would return results with the characters "trump" anywhere in the search results (e.g., "Donald Trump," "Mr. Strumple" or "The trumpet club."). Accordingly, the Service ran six additional searches:

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The six additional searches did not locate any records responsive to EPIC's request. Accordingly, the Service is not withholding any responsive records. When you are free, let's discuss wrapping this case up. The best times for me are between 9:30-2:30 and 3:30-5:30 M, T, Th, and Fri, and all day on Wednesdays.

Best,

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