

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

ELECTRONIC PRIVACY INFORMATION CENTER

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Defendant.

No. 18-1814 (TNM)

Joint Status Report

Defendant United States Department of Justice (“DOJ”) jointly with Plaintiff Electronic Privacy Information Center (“EPIC”), by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully submit this joint proposed schedule and status report pursuant to the Court’s September 20, 2018, Minute Order in this Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) case.

The parties report to the Court as follows:

1. EPIC contacted the DOJ on October 5, 2018, proposing a schedule for the prompt processing of the two EPIC FOIA requests at issue in this case. EPIC requested that the DOJ provide “the current status of EPIC’s FOIA requests including the number of records that exist, the search methodology used, and whether the agency anticipates withholding any records or portions of records.”
2. The DOJ responded this afternoon and provided copies of two letters it asserts were previously sent to EPIC. EPIC is in the process of reviewing the agency’s response.
3. The parties require additional time to discuss the scope of issues in dispute in this case and to agree upon a schedule. Thus, the parties respectfully request that they be permitted to file a further joint status report on or before November 6, 2018, to advise the Court of the proposed

schedule for proceedings in this case.

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