

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

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES )  
UNION, et al., )  
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Plaintiffs, )  
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v. )  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT )  
OF HOMELAND SECURITY, et al., )  
 )  
Defendants. )  
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Case No. 1:16-cv-221 (CKK)

**NINETEENTH JOINT STATUS REPORT**

The parties to this Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) matter respectfully submit this Nineteenth Joint Status Report in response to the Court’s October 18, 2018 Minute Order.

**BACKGROUND**

This lawsuit arises out of a FOIA Request (the “Request”) dated May 13, 2015 for records concerning the government’s Countering Violent Extremism (“CVE”) programs.<sup>1</sup> On May 18, 2020, the parties filed their eighteenth joint status report, informing the Court of the status of Defendants’ responses to Plaintiffs’ FOIA Request. ECF No. 39. This Court’s October 18, 2018 Minute Order directs the parties to file a joint status report every ninety days.

**UPDATED STATUS**

The parties continue to confer regarding Plaintiffs’ Request. The Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) states the following regarding its production of responsive, non-

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<sup>1</sup> Plaintiffs’ FOIA claims against Defendant Department of Education pertain only to a FOIA request dated October 15, 2015 concerning CVE.

exempt records:<sup>2</sup>

Pursuant to the December 21, 2016 Joint Status Report, the DHS Privacy Office made interim productions on June 1, 2020, July 1, 2020, and July 31, 2020.<sup>3</sup> The DHS Privacy Office will continue its processing and release of records in accordance with the December 21, 2016 Joint Status Report.

The Office of Intelligence and Analysis (“I&A”) at DHS provided Plaintiffs a response on June 4, 2020 regarding material referred to it for direct response to Plaintiffs.<sup>4</sup>

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Because this Court ordered the parties to file an additional joint status report every ninety days, *see* October 18, 2018 Minute Order, and ninety days from today is a Sunday, the parties anticipate filing another joint status report no later than November 16, 2020, *see* Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(a)(1)(C).

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Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>2</sup> Plaintiffs do not concede that the searches Defendants have conducted to this point are adequate or that the material Defendants have withheld in part or in full is properly subject to exemption.

<sup>3</sup> The parties agreed to extend the DHS Privacy Office’s response date for its May and June processing.

<sup>4</sup> I&A determined that the material referred to it was nonresponsive.

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