IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

KNIGHT FIRST AMENDMENT INSTITUTE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, *et al.*	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	Civil Action No. 18-1129 (EGS)
v.	)	
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, *et al.*	)	
Defendants.	)	

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiffs Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, American Civil Liberties Union, and American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), and Defendants respectfully submit this Joint Status Report ("JSR"), pursuant to the Court's Order of June 14, 2021. *See* Minute Order (June 14, 2021).

1. This lawsuit involves three separate FOIA requests, which together seek records from twenty (20) separate Executive Branch agencies related to their respective pre-publication review processes—the policies and procedures governing the review of written materials drafted or prepared by current or former federal government employees, which discuss or reference their federal government service, prior to public release. *See* Compl. ¶¶ 1, 14-123. Several prior Joint Status Reports set forth the nature and scope of the FOIA request in detail. *See* Dkt. Nos. 30, 31, 33, 41, 43, 44, 47.

2. All Defendants have now completed processing and production.

3. The parties are presently actively conferring regarding certain aspects of Defendants' productions, in an effort effort to narrow or resolve any issues that may otherwise require judicial resolution.

4. Due to the number of agency Defendants to this suit, and the volume of Defendants' collective productions, the parties mutually assess that further time is necessary to complete their conferral process. Accordingly, the parties jointly propose that they file a further Joint Status Report on or before October 29, 2021, that will (1) inform the Court of the parties' progress on their conferral efforts, and (2) propose a briefing schedule, if necessary.

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Respectfully submitted,

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