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

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CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON,	)))	
Plaintiff,	))	
v.	))	Case No. 19-cv-3488 (TFH)
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, et al.,	)))	
Defendants.	)))	

**NOTICE OF DEFENDANT DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S DISCOVERY AND
PROCESSING OF ADDITIONAL CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS RESPONSIVE TO
PLAINTIFF'S FOIA REQUEST**

1.   On August 26, 2020, Defendant Department of State ("State") reported to the

Court that there were approximately ten classified documents that were potentially responsive to

Plaintiff's Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") that remained to be processed in this case. The

Court ordered State to process these documents by October 6, 2020, and to produce any

responsive, non-exempt portions to Plaintiff by that date.

2.   While confirming that its classified searches were complete, State recently

discovered additional classified documents that are potentially responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA

request. State completed its initial responsiveness review of these documents and identified an

additional 14 potentially responsive classified documents.

3.   State informed Plaintiff of these additional potentially responsive classified

documents on September 22, 2020. The agency is currently on track to process these classified

documents—as well as those originally identified—by October 6, 2020. Because many of the

documents involve interagency equities, State will need to receive external clearances prior to

release. Although State does not currently anticipate those clearances will cause any delays, the

agency will keep Plaintiff apprised should any issues arise.

Dated: September 23, 2020   Respectfully submitted,

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