UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND)
ETHICS IN WASHINGTON,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) Civil Action No. 17-1855 RCL
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE)
TREASURY)
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Defendant.)
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JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's December 1, 2017 Minute Order, the parties have conferred and report as follows:

1. On November 30, 2017, the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) produced to Plaintiff the three pages of documents within its sole custody.

2. Prior to November 30, 2017, Treasury circulated for consultation, with proposed redactions, additional documents to third agencies with equities in those documents. Counsel for Treasury has contacted all of these third agencies to request a status update, and received approval from two agencies to produce an additional subset of documents.

3. Subsequently, Treasury identified security concerns with respect to certain materials within these third agency documents that relate to the level of secure communications available on government and military aircraft, as well as

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various other matters with security implications. These materials require additional internal review, as well as consultations with the Department of Defense and the U.S. Secret Service. Plaintiff has also clarified to Treasury that it primarily seeks materials related to the level of justification required for the Secretary's use of military aircraft, and to the extent that these materials with security implications do not address this subject, they may be deemed outside the scope of the FOIA request.

4. As a result of the foregoing, that parties have agreed to the following production deadlines:

5. Treasury will release to Plaintiff the portion of these third agency documents that do not implicate the security concerns described above during the week of December 18, 2017.

6. Treasury will produce the remaining third agency documents, other than those requiring consultation with the Executive Office of the President (EOP), by January 18, 2018.

7. With respect to documents circulated to the EOP for consultation, Treasury will produce all non-exempt documents to Plaintiff by February 15, 2018.

8. Given the progress on completing this production, the parties propose that the Court call for a further Joint Status Report on or before February 28, 2018, identifying the remaining

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outstanding documents and describing what issues remain to be addressed through briefing.

9. For the Court's convenience, the parties enclose a proposed order.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that service of the foregoing Joint Status Report has been made through the Court's electronic transmission facilities on this 15th day of December,2017.

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