

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

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	
v.	:	Civ. No. 1:18-cv-00007-TSC
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	:	
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Defendant.	:	

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

In accordance with the Court’s April 12, 2018 minute order, the parties respectfully submit the following status report.

1. This matter arises under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Plaintiff submitted FOIA requests to the U.S. Department of Justice’s (DOJ) Office of Information Policy (OIP) and Office of the Inspector General (OIG), seeking “all communications concerning the decision to invite reporters to DOJ on December 12, 2017, for the purpose of sharing private text messages sent during the 2016 presidential campaign by two former FBI investigators on Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s team.” ECF No. 1 ¶ 14; *see also id.* ¶ 20.
2. The Court held a status conference on April 11, 2018, after which it ordered OIP to produce documents no later than April 30, 2018, and that production should be completed by June 30, 2018. April 12, 2018 Minute Order.
3. OIG’s production is now complete.
4. Consistent with the Court’s order, OIP provided an interim response to Plaintiff on April 30, 2018, consisting of fourteen pages of records, four of which comprise a

letter dated December 21, 2017, to Acting Assistant Attorney General Stephen E. Boyd from 10 United States senators. Defendant has advised Plaintiff it is on track to complete production by June 30, 2018.

5. The parties propose that they file another status report by July 9, 2018, one week after OIP's final production is due, at which time they will propose a briefing schedule, if necessary. Plaintiff seeks an additional interim production from OIP, and the parties set forth their respective positions on this request below.

**Plaintiff's position**

6. Defendant, however, is unwilling to commit to making a second interim production by June 1, 2018. Given the extremely limited production OIP has made to date, the fact that this FOIA request was filed more than five months ago, and the spirit of the Court's April 12, 2018 Minute Order, Plaintiff submits that OIP should be ordered to make a second interim production by June 1, 2018.

**Defendant's position**

7. The Court ordered OIP to make one interim production, by April 30, 2018, before the final production a mere two months later, on June 30, 2018. As set forth above, OIP complied with that interim production deadline and is on track to make its final production by June 30. Plaintiff's demand that the Court order another interim production is baseless, exceeds the Court's order (including its "spirit"), and is unwarranted given the short amount of time before the final production deadline. OIP has nonetheless told Plaintiff that it intends to make another interim production and will endeavor to do so by June 1, 2018, unless it encounters unexpected delays or incurs emergent obligations in other cases. There is no reason for the Court to order it to do so.

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