

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT,

Plaintiff,

v.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 25-3669 (TSC)

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Consistent with the parties' January 30, 2026, joint status report, the parties submit this joint status report in this Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") case. Each defendant provides a separate update on the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request.

**Department of State:** State's search in response to Plaintiff's FOIA request is ongoing. After its search is complete, State will review the results for responsiveness. After this review is complete, State will consult with other government agencies to the extent necessary, provide an estimated date of the first production, and, if necessary, suggest a processing schedule to Plaintiff for rolling releases.

**Department of Defense ("DoD"):** DoD's responsiveness review is ongoing and will be complete by the next joint status report. After this review is complete, DoD will consult with other government agencies to the extent necessary, provide an estimated date of the first production, and, if necessary, suggest a processing schedule to Plaintiff for rolling releases.

**Central Intelligence Agency:** CIA received a FOIA request from Plaintiff on January 22, 2026, and acknowledged the same on February 4, 2026. That request is not subject to this litigation.

**Office of the Director of National Intelligence (“ODNI”):** ODNI’s search in response to Plaintiff’s FOIA request is ongoing. ODNI is not yet able to estimate the date by which its search will be complete. After its search is complete, ODNI will review the results for responsiveness, consult with other government agencies to the extent necessary, provide an estimated release date and, if necessary, suggest a processing schedule to Plaintiff for rolling releases.

**Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”):** Treasury’s search in response to Plaintiff’s FOIA request is ongoing. After its search is complete, Treasury will review the results for responsiveness. After this review is complete, Treasury will consult with other government agencies to the extent necessary, provide an estimated date of the first production, and, if necessary, suggest a processing schedule to Plaintiff for rolling releases.

**Office of Management & Budget (“OMB”):** As previously reported, OMB conducted a search and located records potentially responsive to part 3 of the request. OMB is currently reviewing these records to ensure its searches are complete, and for a final responsiveness and release determination. OMB’s searches have not identified records responsive to parts 1 or 2 of the request.

**Department of Justice (“OIP”):** As previously reported, OIP has initiated an initial search within the Office of the Attorney General regarding the custodians specified by Plaintiff’s FOIA request. Since the last joint status report, OIP has determined that no records exist regarding custodian James McHenry, Hayley Conklin, and Catharine Cypher. OIP conveyed its interim determination to Plaintiff via letter on March 12, 2026. Because parts of OIP’s search are not yet complete, OIP is not able to report an anticipated number of pages responsive to

Plaintiff's FOIA request or propose a processing schedule. OIP will provide a further update to the Court regarding this request in a future joint status report.

**Department of Health & Human Services:** HHS anticipates issuing a final response by April 17, 2026.

**Department of Education:** The Department of Education's search in response to Plaintiff's FOIA request is ongoing. After its search is complete, the Department of Education will review the results for responsiveness. After this review is complete, the Department of Education will consult with other government agencies to the extent necessary, provide an estimated date of the first production, and, if necessary, suggest a processing schedule to Plaintiff for rolling releases.

**Department of Transportation:** The Department of Transportation's search in response to Plaintiff's FOIA request is ongoing. After its search is complete, the Department of Transportation will review the results for responsiveness. After this review is complete, the Department of Transportation will consult with other government agencies to the extent necessary, provide an estimated date of the first production, and, if necessary, suggest a processing schedule to Plaintiff for rolling releases.

Consistent with the parties' January 30, 2026, joint status report, the parties will file another joint status report in ninety days, on or before June 11, 2026.

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