

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

ARAB AMERICAN INSTITUTE,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	Civil Action No. 18-cv-0871 (ABJ)
v.)	
)	
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

JOINT STATUS REPORT AND PROPOSED SCHEDULING ORDER

Pursuant to the Court’s November 7, 2019, Minute Order, Defendant the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) and Plaintiff Arab American Institute (“AAI”) (collectively, “the Parties”) submit the following Joint Status Report:

1. Plaintiff Arab American Institute filed its Complaint pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) on April 13, 2018. (ECF No. 1.) OMB answered on May 17, 2018. (ECF No. 8.)
2. OMB made its final production to Plaintiff on February 22, 2019.
3. OMB released additional records to Plaintiff on August 20, 2019, and the Parties continued confer whether this matter can be resolved without further litigation.
4. At the current juncture OMB asserts it has fully complied with its FOIA obligations including that it conducted a reasonable, adequate search for material responsive to the FOIA request directed to it and any records, or portions thereof, withheld by OMB was withheld pursuant to a proper application of the FOIA.

5. Upon review of the records, AAI believes redactions pursuant to Exemption 5 to be unjustified.

6. The Parties jointly propose the following briefing schedule:

- Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment: January 21, 2020
- Plaintiff's Opposition and Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment: February 21, 2020
- Defendant's Opposition and Reply: March 20, 2020
- Plaintiff's Reply: April 3, 2020

7. To facilitate the Parties' further discussions and allow OMB to focus its briefing only on the challenged issues in the case, AAI will provide by December 4, 2019 a list of all withholdings being challenged.

Dated: November 20, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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