

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

ARAB AMERICAN INSTITUTE,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	Civil Action No. 1:18-cv-00871 (ABJ)
v.)	
)	
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT)	
AND BUDGET,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court’s May 18, 2018, Order, Defendant, the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) submits the following 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. In its original request, Plaintiff sought four categories of records:

- Any and all communications involving members of the Interagency Working Group for Research on Race and Ethnicity (IWG) that discuss, mention, or otherwise reference the Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity occurring between January 20, 2017 and the date the search is conducted;

- Any and all communications or otherwise, on the topic of the classification of a MENA group and distinct reporting category, or revisions to the Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity occurring between January 20, 2017 and the date the

search is conducted and involving the following personnel: [the request names 21 individuals];

- Any and all memoranda, statements, or documents provided to any OMB employee; reviewed by any OMB employee; relied upon by any OMB employee; or drafted, signed, authorized or issued by any OMB employee related to the classification of a MENA group and distinct reporting category, or revisions to the Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity occurring between January 20, 2017 and the date the search is conducted; and

- Any and all IWG findings, recommendations, or conclusory materials sent to OMB between January 20, 2017 and the date the search is conducted pursuant to the planned issuance of a Federal Register Notice for December 2017.

3. Due to the nature of the four categories, OMB was required to conduct separate searches for each category; each category involved separate custodians; and separate search terms were required for each of the four requested categories of records. OMB has completed searches for all four categories of records. So far, the searches have resulted in approximately 2,039 documents potentially responsive to Plaintiff's request. OMB is conducting a review to determine the final number of total potentially responsive documents.

4. OMB proposes to process the first 300 documents in the next 30 days and make an initial production of non-exempt documents to Plaintiff on or before July 13, 2018.

5. OMB proposes to file an additional Status Report on July 13, 2018, once it has a final count of the total number of potentially responsive documents, proposing to the Court a longer term production schedule.

Dated: June 15, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 15th day of June, 2018, that service of the foregoing *Status Report* has been made on counsel of record through the Court's ECF system.

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