

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW)	
AND JUSTICE)	
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	Plaintiff,)	
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	v.)	Civil Action No. 16-1975 (EGS)
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE,)	
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	Defendant.)	
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ORDER

This Order resolves the parties' disagreements about the processing and production of approximately 64,000 e-mail records from Brock Johnson's unclassified e-mail account during his time as an employee at the Department of State. Upon consideration of the parties' individual status reports, the submissions regarding processing rates in other recent Freedom of Information Act cases, the representations of the parties at the status conferences held on May 2 and 19, 2017, and for the reasons stated on the record in open court, it is hereby

ORDERED that, from the date of this Order through November 2017, Defendant shall review and process documents from Mr. Brock's e-mail account at a rate of 1000 pages every thirty days and shall produce any non-exempt, responsive material to Plaintiff on or around the 19th day of each month; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant shall prioritize for such review and processing every tenth e-mail as determined after Mr. Brock's e-mails are arranged in reverse chronological order; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that, within one week of each production to Plaintiff, Defendant shall submit a status report informing the Court of the number of documents processed as of the date of the last production and the number of documents produced to Plaintiff that month; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that, after the Defendant's production on or around November 19, 2017, Plaintiff, in consultation with Defendant, shall develop search terms designed to narrow Plaintiff's request and significantly reduce the number of documents remaining to be processed; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on December 15, 2017 that shall discuss, *inter alia*, the total number of pages processed to date, the number of pages remaining to be processed, the number of documents produced to date, whether the parties have agreed upon search terms, and a recommendation as to further proceedings; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Court will hold a status hearing on January 10, 2018 at 12:00 pm in Courtroom 24A.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: Emmet G. Sullivan

United States District Judge
May 19, 2017