

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF ILLINOIS, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	No. 17 C 2768
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY and U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION)	Judge Dow
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Defendants.)	

DEFENDANTS' MARCH STATUS REPORT

Defendants U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) respectfully submit this Status Report pursuant to the Court’s Order of November 21, 2017. Defendants report as follows:

1. Between February 1, 2018 and February 28, 2018, CBP assigned the equivalent of 29 full-time first and second level reviewers to the review of records potentially responsive to 22 FOIA requests related to Executive Orders 13,769 and 13,780, entitled “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States,” of which 19 were submitted by various ACLU affiliates, including Plaintiffs. Decl. of Patrick Howard ¶ 6. For purposes of calculating this number, the agency counts any individual reviewer assigned to the review project on a half-time basis as the equivalent of 0.5 full-time reviewers. *Id.*

2. In addition to the time spent by first and second level reviewers, between February 1, 2018 and February 28, 2018, CBP Office of Chief Counsel attorneys spent

approximately 507.65 hours on the review of records potentially responsive to various FOIA requests related to Executive Orders 13,769 and 13,780. *Id.* ¶ 7.

3. Between February 1, 2018 and February 28, 2018, CBP finalized the processing of 996 pages of records and eight spreadsheets related to the four priority custodians in this case. *Id.* ¶ 8. Due to an administrative oversight, these pages were released to Plaintiffs on March 1, 2018, instead of by February 28, 2018.

Dated: March 14, 2018

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