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 12 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
 13 **AT SPOKANE**

14 STATE OF WASHINGTON, *et al.*,

15 Plaintiffs,

No. 4:19-cv-5210-RMP

16 v.

REPORT PURSUANT TO MAY 13,
2020 ORDER

17 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
18 HOMELAND SECURITY, *et al.*,

19 Defendants

1 Defendants respectfully submit this report pursuant to the Court’s May 13, 2020
2 Order Denying in Part and Granting in Part Defendants’ Motion to Stay Discovery Order
3 re: Privilege Log (“Order”). ECF No. 219. The Court ordered Defendants to produce a
4 privilege log pertaining to Defendants’ administrative record on a rolling basis starting
5 on June 12, 2020. *Id.* at 6. The Court further ordered Defendants to make reports to the
6 Court and Plaintiffs every other Friday, on their progress toward completion of the
7 privilege log. *Id.*

8 **Notifying Custodians of Obligation to Preserve Documents**

9 First, the Court ordered Defendants to report on their progress in “notifying
10 potential custodians of their obligation to preserve potentially relevant documents, even
11 if assertedly privileged[.]” Order at 6. As discussed in Defendants’ June 12, 2020 report,
12 Defendants have notified all potential custodians of their obligation to preserve
13 potentially relevant documents, even if assertedly privileged.

14 **Segregating Privileged Documents for Review**

15 Second, the Court ordered Defendants to report on their progress in “segregating
16 all assertedly privileged documents for review.” Order at 6.

17 As Defendants reported in their June 26, 2020 report, email records for all
18 custodians have been collected. The emails for those custodians have been batched for
19 review by the Department of Justice, except for five custodians whose documents will
20 soon be added to the review batches, and two custodians for whom additional documents
21 will soon be added to the review batches.

22 Although email records are expected to constitute the vast majority of documents

1 subject to the Court’s Order, Defendants are also working to collect non-email electronic
2 documents and paper documents, if any, that do not also exist in electronic form. At this
3 time, due to the COVID-19 crisis and the telework status of most agency personnel,
4 Defendants cannot determine whether there are any paper documents that will need to be
5 collected, as those documents are physically located in agency offices and are therefore
6 currently inaccessible.

7 **Logging Privileged Documents**

8 Third, the Court ordered Defendants to report on their progress in logging
9 privileged documents pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(5)(A). Order at 6. As of July 10,
10 2020, 45,103 documents have been batched for review in the DOJ document review
11 platform. 3,512 of those documents have been reviewed and 66 are listed on the privilege
12 log.¹ In addition, several documents have been identified that contain third party equities
13 and which Defendants expect to include in future installments of the privilege log after
14 consulting with the appropriate third parties.

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16 Dated: July 10, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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21 ¹ In percentage terms, roughly 7.8% of the batched documents have been reviewed. As
22 noted above, additional documents will be added to the review platform.

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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 I hereby certify that on July 10, 2020, I electronically filed the foregoing with the
3 Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such
4 filing to all users receiving ECF notices for this case.

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