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The Honorable Andrew L. Carter, Jr. United States District Judge Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse 40 Foley Square, Room 2203 New York, NY 10007

Re: Knight First Amendment Institute v. U.S. Dep't of Homeland Security et al.,

No. 17 Civ. 7572 (ALC)

Dear Judge Carter:

I write respectfully on behalf of both parties in the above-referenced FOIA action to provide a status update regarding supplemental searches to be conducted by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"). See Dkt. No. 181. As the parties previously explained, see, e.g., Dkt. No. 178, the parties have been working diligently to attempt to refine those searches in order to narrow the universe of potentially responsive documents. The parties have now agreed to a revised set of search strings, and will provide a further status update to the Court by August 23, 2021.

I thank the Court for considering this matter.

Respectfully,

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