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U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland  
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**Re: Joint Letter in Advance of Scheduling Conference in  
*Stone, et al. v. Trump, et al.*, Case 1:17-cv-02459-GLR**

Dear Judge Russell:

The parties respectfully submit this joint response to the five questions presented in the Court's July 17, 2018 Order (ECF 192):

1. Plaintiffs object to having the case transferred to a U.S. Magistrate Judge for all further proceedings. Defendants would consent.
2. The parties jointly request waiving a settlement conference in this case.
3. In addition to the proposed changes to the dates in the Amended Scheduling Order raised in the parties' Consent Motion Regarding Depositions (ECF 193), the parties propose changing Defendants' Rule 26(a)(2) disclosure deadline to September 10, 2018 and changing Plaintiffs' rebuttal Rule 26(a)(2) disclosures to October 1, 2018. The parties will promptly meet-and-confer after any rulings on pending motions (ECF 115, 120, 158, 163, 177, and 178) and will notify the Court at that time of any further proposed adjustments to the schedule.
4. The parties agree that a trial date should not be set at this time, in light of the pending motions. The parties also agree that any trial, if necessary, should be set for approximately six months after resolution of the pending cross-motions for summary judgment (ECF 158 and 163). The parties agree that any trial should be set for a duration of ten days.
5. The parties do not have any other issues to bring to the Court's attention.

The parties look forward to speaking with the Court on August 1, 2018 at 12:45 p.m. Eastern Time.

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