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 14 WESTERN DIVISION
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16 ANDREW MASON DVASH-
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 18 DVASH-BANKS

19 Plaintiff,

20 v.

21 THE UNITED STATES
 22 DEPARTMENT OF STATE, and
 23 THE HONORABLE REX W.
 24 TILLERSON, Secretary of State,

25 Defendants.

No. CV 18-523-JFW-JC

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Honorable John F. Walter

1 In accordance with the Court's March 28, 2018 order, ECF No. 35, the
2 Parties hereby file this joint status report. The Parties continue to engage in
3 discussions about amicably resolving this lawsuit in the absence of litigation.
4 Specifically, Defendants have advised Plaintiffs that they are engaged in internal
5 discussions regarding approaches which could resolve the issues in dispute for
6 resolution by this Court, without making any concessions as to the merits of
7 Plaintiffs' claims.

8 The Parties believe that, at this juncture, their resources could best be
9 devoted to continued efforts toward resolving this case voluntarily rather than to
10 active litigation, and have concurrently filed a joint stipulation to extend the case
11 deadlines by another 45 days. A 45-day extension of the deadlines in this case will
12 permit the Parties to focus on those efforts that could render unnecessary the
13 burdens and expenses associated with litigation.

14 The Parties propose filing a joint status report no later than July 16, 2018, to
15 apprise the Court of the status of the Parties' discussions and efforts to resolve this
16 lawsuit.

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18 Dated: May 23, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the above-titled action. I am employed as a Trial Attorney at the United States Department of Justice, Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch. My business address is 20 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20530.

On May 23, 2018, I served this JOINT STATUS REPORT, on each person or entity named below by uploading an electronic version of this document to the Court's ECF system:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the following is true and correct.

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