

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

RALPH BEGLEITER,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 1:04-cv-01697 (EGS)
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE)	
and)	
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
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JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court’s July 11, 2005 Order, the parties hereby submit this status report.

This case is currently stayed pursuant to the Court’s Order of December 28, 2004. Since March 25, 2005 – when Plaintiff’s most recent status report was filed with the court, *see* Docket # 8 – Defendants have released additional responsive documents and have indicated their intention of providing more.

Specifically: On April 8, 2005, Plaintiff’s counsel received a letter from Defendants’ counsel stating that “the Department of Defense has located several hundred images that are responsive to Mr. Begleiter’s request in addition to the 361 images previously provided to Mr. Begleiter.” In the same letter, Defendants’ counsel signaled the intention of releasing those additional images within the ensuing weeks. On April 22, Plaintiff received a letter (dated April 15 and postmarked April 18) and CD from Defendants. The CD contained 92 images, and the letter indicated that “several hundred”

additional records were under review. On April 26, Plaintiff received what Defendants styled as their “final response” to his FOIA requests – that is, two CDs, one of which contained 82 of the same images received on April 22, and the other of which contained 268 previously-unreleased images. In sum, Defendants have released 721 images to Plaintiff over the course of this litigation: 361 in the initial production (the same production made to Mr. Russ Kick via a previous, unrelated FOIA request), 92 on April 22, and 268 on April 26.

On June 3, 2005, Plaintiff’s counsel sent a letter to Defendants’ counsel raising some concerns about Defendants’ recent production. In a response dated June 21, 2005, Defendants’ counsel sought to address these concerns, and indicated Defendants’ willingness to release five additional images and unredacted copies of 26 images previously released in redacted form. Plaintiff is currently awaiting these new and unredacted images.

Pending Plaintiff’s satisfactory receipt of the promised new and unredacted images, the parties anticipate pursuing no further issues relating to the FOIA requests that are the subject of this case.

Dated: July 18, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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