

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

GRANT F. SMITH, PRO SE,)
) Case No. 1:19-cv-02516
Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
)
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE,)
)
Defendant.)
_____)

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court’s October 7, 2019 order, the parties have met and conferred via email, and now file this Joint Status Report.

This case concerns a Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request seeking from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) unpublished policy guidance used by the Tax Exempt & Government Entities (TEGE) Division of the IRS and internal undisclosed IRS studies or findings on policy concerning U.S. charities using tax-exempt funds to fund Israeli settlements. (Dkt. 1, Compl, Ex. E., June 27, 2019 letter.)

Counsel for the IRS continues to investigate details pertaining to the adequacy of the search for any records potentially responsive to Mr. Smith’s request for records.

Mr. Smith and the undersigned counsel for the Internal Revenue Service have conferred about the case and in connection with the preparation of this report. The parties propose to provide a second joint status report to the Court in 90 days, on or before January 20, 2020, at which time the parties will provide the following:

- (1) The parties will state whether the IRS needs to perform any subsequent searches; and

(2) The parties will propose a briefing schedule for dispositive motions, or they will set a schedule for the IRS to release any non-exempt records and for Mr. Smith to communicate to the undersigned any issues or concerns stemming from such releases.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Olga Lysenko Tobin, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I caused the Joint Status Report to be served on October 21, 2019 via ECF on the following:

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