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UNITED STATES

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FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE COURT

WASHINGTON, D.C.

**IN RE ACCURACY CONCERNS REGARDING FBI
MATTERS SUBMITTED TO THE FISC**

Docket No. Misc. 19-02

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

On April 3, 2020, in this docket, the Court ordered the government to take certain actions in response to a memorandum by the Department of Justice’s Office of Inspector General regarding the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s noncompliance with its “Woods Procedures” in 29 applications examined by the OIG. See April 3, 2020, Order; DOJ OIG, *Management Advisory Memorandum for the Director of the FBI Regarding the Execution of Woods Procedures for Applications Filed with the FISC Relating to U.S. Persons* (March 2020) (OIG Memorandum). The Woods Procedures are intended to ensure the accuracy of facts proffered in applications submitted to this Court.

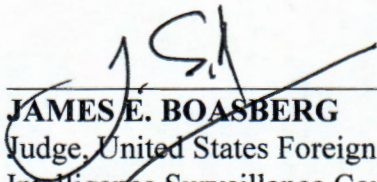
As pertinent now, the Court ordered the government to assess “to what extent those 29 applications involved material misstatements or omissions” and, if so, whether they “render invalid, in whole or in part, authorizations granted by the Court for that target in the reviewed docket or other dockets.” April 3, 2020, Order at 3. The Court further ordered the government, by June 15, 2020, to make “a sworn submission reporting on the conduct and results of [those] assessments . . ., including the basis for assessing that particular misstatements or omissions were not material or otherwise did not render invalid any Court authorization.” Id.

On June 15, 2020, the government made a classified submission that provided such assessments for 14 of the 29 applications. See Supplemental Response to the Court's Order Dated April 3, 2020, and Motion for Extension of Time at 1-2 (June 15, 2020). (The government has made available a redacted, unclassified version of that submission at <https://www.justice.gov/nsd/page/file/1287351/download>.) The government also requested an extension of time to July 29, 2020, "to complete its assessment[s] of the remaining 15 of 29 applications" and report them to the FISC, citing the need to work "subject to ongoing staffing restrictions imposed by the coronavirus outbreak without compromising other time sensitive or mission essential obligations." Id. at 3, 41.

The Court finding good cause to grant the requested extension, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT by July 29, 2020, the government shall make a sworn submission, as discussed above, reporting on the conduct and results of the assessments for the remaining 15 of the 29 applications reviewed by the DOJ OIG.

SO ORDERED.

Entered this 23rd day of June, 2020.



JAMES E. BOASBERG
Judge, United States Foreign
Intelligence Surveillance Court