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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE
ASSISTANCE PROJECT, as Next
Friend of JOHN DOES I-IV and JANE
DOE; and JOHN DOES I-IV and
JANE DOE,

Petitioners,

v.

JOHN F. KELLY; Secretary, U.S.
Department of Homeland Security; U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY; U.S. CUSTOMS AND
BORDER PROTECTION (“CBP”);
KEVIN K. McALEENAN, Acting
Commissioner, CBP; and MITCHELL
MERRIAM, Los Angeles Field
Director, CBP,

Respondents.

Case No. 2:17-cv-1761-JLS-AFM
JOINT PROTECTIVE ORDER

1 In the Court’s Order Granting Ex Parte Application and Granting in Part and
2 Denying in Part Motion for Clarification of March 20, 2017 Order and Expedited
3 Discovery (the “April 3 Order”), (Doc. 52), the Court ordered Respondents to
4 “produce copies of all non-privileged information in Petitioners’ A-Files within
5 twenty-four hours.” (April 3 Order at 3.) In the course of complying with that
6 Order, Respondents lodged a proposed joint protective order related to the
7 production of Petitioners’ A-Files. (Notice of Lodging, Doc. 57.)

8 Although the proposed order is not attached to a joint stipulation as required
9 by C.D. Cal. R. 7-1, given that both parties agree to the issuance of a protective
10 order, the Court deems the lodging of the joint protective order as a joint
11 stipulation in this instance.¹ Because disclosure in this action may involve
12 production of confidential or privileged information, including information
13 protected from disclosure by the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a, and 8 C.F.R. §
14 208.6, the Court finds that certain categories of information should be treated as
15 confidential, protected from disclosure outside this litigation or any related or
16 derivative proceedings, in this Court or elsewhere, and used only for purposes of
17 prosecuting or defending this action, any appeals, or any further proceeding that
18 may arise out of or be related to, directly or indirectly, the pending litigation or the
19 Petitioners more generally. Such information includes personal information of
20 non-parties, disclosure of which might otherwise be prohibited by the Privacy Act
21 without a court order.

22 Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)(11) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c), **IT**
23 **IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

24 1. Respondents are ordered to release information and documents
25 responsive to the April 3 Order: “copies of all non-privileged information in
26 Petitioners A-Files.” (April 3 Order at 3–4.) This information may include

27 ¹ Any future joint request must comply with the Local Rules.

1 information and documents retrieved from systems of records indexed under the
2 names or other identifying numbers or symbols of non-party employees and other
3 materials protected by the Privacy Act of 1974.

4 2. Petitioners shall not further disclose the records, or the information
5 contained therein, to anyone except Petitioners or persons employed by Petitioners
6 to assist in this litigation or any derivative litigation. Petitioners' counsel shall
7 require all persons having access to any disclosed records to have read and agreed
8 to be bound by the terms of this Protective Order, and that they shall not make
9 further disclosure of the records or information contained therein unless permitted
10 under the terms of this Protective Order.

11 3. Petitioners' counsel and all other persons provided access to the
12 records shall not use the records or the information contained therein, for any
13 purpose other than this pending litigation or any related or derivative proceedings,
14 in this Court or elsewhere, including any appeals, or any further proceeding that
15 may arise out of or be related to, directly or indirectly, the pending litigation or
16 related to Petitioners.

17 4. Respondents shall mark all documents protected by this Order as
18 "confidential," and all documents so marked shall be deemed to fall within the
19 scope of this Order.

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21 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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23 Dated: April 4, 2017

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26 Hon. Josephine L. Staton
27 United States District Judge