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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

ABDIQAFAR WAGAFE, et al., on behalf of themselves and others similarly situated,

No. 2:17-cv-00094-RAJ

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD TRUMP, President of the United States, et al.,

Defendants.

**ORDER** 

This matter comes before the Court *sua sponte*. On July 22, 2020, this Court held a telephone conference with the parties to discuss outstanding discovery disputes detailed in the parties' supplemental briefings. Dkt. ## 378 (Plaintiffs' supplemental briefing), 383 (Defendants' responsive briefing). Having considered the parties' briefs and oral arguments, the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

(1) The center of dispute between the parties is the scope of what should be produced from the five A-Files, and the Defendants have represented there may be thousands of pages of documents contained within the files. The Court is amenable to an in-camera review of the A-Files, and the parties are directed to meet and confer to narrow the scope of the A-File review. Based upon the parties' submission, the Court will make a final determination of whether it will take a random selection of the A-Files or review the entirety of what the parties have recommended. The parties have agreed and stipulated that there

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are 31 policy documents. Again, the parties are directed to meet and confer to provide an indication of the scope of the documents suggested for in-camera review. The parties have agreed to provide the narrowed scope of documents to the Court by August 5, 2020.

- (2) The Court **DENIES** Plaintiff's request to subpoena third agencies as untimely. The deadlines set by the Court have passed and it will not revisit that topic. Dkt. # 280.
- (3) The Attorneys' Eyes Only Protective Orders (Dkt. ## 183, 192) are sufficient and the Court is not convinced that, based upon the record, there is any reason to modify or revise what was previously approved.
- (4) With respect to Defendants' clawback requests, if Defendants believe they have a basis, they need to file a motion.
- (5) The Court reserves further decisions pending its decision on the requested incamera document review.

Dated this 24th day of July, 2020.

The Honorable Richard A. Jones United States District Judge

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