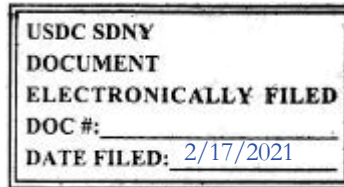




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Southern District of New York
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February 16, 2021

Re: *NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc. v. U.S. Dep't of Justice*, No. 18-cv-9363 (AJN)

Dear Judge Nathan:

Pursuant to this Court's memorandum endorsement of January 5, 2021, the parties submit the following joint letter.

Defendant has completed the agreed-upon searches, as discussed in the parties' June 19, 2020 joint letter. Defendant has completed its review of all potentially responsive documents identified by these agreed-upon searches. No additional responsive records were identified.

The parties have conferred, and do not have any further disputes concerning Defendant's processing of Plaintiff's FOIA request.

The parties have begun discussing the issue of settlement, including attorney's fees, and intend to continue these discussions with the goal of resolving the issues without the Court's involvement. Accordingly, the parties propose to update the Court on the need for further proceedings by a joint letter on or before April 16, 2021.

SO ORDERED.


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