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In re: Directives Pursuant to Section 105B of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act No. 105B(g) 07E01, HALL CLERK OF COURT

## YAHOO! INC.'S UNCLASSIFIED MOTION FOR A STATUS CONFERENCE

Pursuant to this Court's July 15, 2013, order, the Government has conducted a declassification review of court records associated with this case. On January 30, 2015, the Government submitted all proposed redactions to the Court for all documents in this Court's files. Now that the Government has submitted all relevant redactions, Yahoo respectfully requests that this Court hold a status conference to discuss whether the Court requires any more information from the parties to complete its review and to set a schedule for Yahoo's review and public release of the declassified documents.

#### Background

On July 15, 2013, this Court ordered the Government to conduct a declassification review of documents filed in this case for public release. On October 21, 2013, the parties filed a joint motion to allow Yahoo to review the declassified documents before publication. On October 22, 2013, the Court granted the parties' motion and suspended its review of proposed redactions the

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Government submitted to permit the declassification process before the FISCR in Docket No. 08-01 to inform its examination of declassified materials in this matter.

On October 24, 2014, Yahoo filed a motion to lift the stay of this Court's review of proposed redactions, because the declassification review process in the FISCR was complete. On November 5, 2014, this Court issued an order lifting the suspension of its review of redactions and ordered the Government to submit a timetable for completing its review and submission of proposed redactions. The parties disagreed about the scope of the required review, and after briefing, this Court ordered the Government to review the full text of all documents submitted to the Court and submit proposed redactions by January 30, 2015.

On January 30, 2015, the Government provided the Court with proposed redactions for all documents not already declassified by the Government and unsealed by the FISCR. Later, on March 4, 2015, the Government submitted two additional, partially-redacted documents which it determined could be released to the public.

While the Government has provided documents with proposed redactions to the Court, it has not given Yahoo access to declassified versions of those documents for Yahoo's review. Instead, the Government has informed Yahoo it is waiting for comments from the Court before it provides Yahoo with such

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documents. Meanwhile, a nearly a year has passed no documents have yet been released.

Now that the Government has submitted all proposed redactions and the Court is in possession of all documents, Yahoo believes it would be beneficial to conduct a status conference to determine whether the Court requires any additional information from the parties to complete its review and to set a schedule for Yahoo's review followed by the public release of these documents. Yahoo has conferred with the Government, and the Government takes no position on this motion.

#### Conclusion

Yahoo asks this Court to set a status conference to determine a final schedule for review of the redacted documents followed by their public release.

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