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By ECF and Hand

Hon. William H. Pauley, III United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007

> Re: ACLU et al. v. Clapper et al., 13 Civ. 3994 (WHP)

Dear Judge Pauley:

I write respectfully with plaintiffs' consent to request a short extension of the parties' deadline for filing oppositions to, respectively, plaintiffs' motion to for a preliminary injunction and defendants' motion to dismiss. This request is made on defendants' behalf and with plaintiffs' gracious consent because, as we were finalizing our papers for filing this evening, we were made aware of an issue that requires us to make additional factual inquiries before filing our papers. Plaintiffs were prepared to file this evening, but the parties agree that fairness will best be served by keeping their respective submissions simultaneous.

The requested extension is from today, September 26, to next Tuesday, October 1, 2013. We likewise request a corresponding extension of the parties' deadlines for submitting reply papers, from Thursday, October 10, 2013, to Tuesday, October 15, 2013.

I apologize for the last-minute nature of this request. We anticipated making a timely filing this evening until, at approximately 7:00 p.m., we were made aware of one factual issue that needs to be explored before we will be in a position to finalize our papers, including supporting declarations. We further respectfully request that, due to the unanticipated and latearising reason for this request, the Court excuse any lack of timeliness in this submission.

I attach a proposed revised scheduling order. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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