

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND, et al.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 1:02-cv-00864-BAH
)	
JACOB J. LEW, Secretary of the Treasury,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
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DEFENDANT’S SUPPLEMENTAL STATUS REPORT

Defendant, by his undersigned counsel, hereby submits this supplemental status report to inform the Court and the plaintiffs regarding certain developments in relation to the next redesign of United States currency.

1. As stated in Defendant’s Supplemental Status Report of February 22, 2016 (Doc. 139), significant developments in counterfeiting technology require the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (“BEP”) to develop new, additional security features for the next redesign of the currency. The research and development necessary to create those features will require a significant amount of time, thus delaying the development and production of the next redesign beyond the year 2020 heretofore anticipated. The supplemental report of February 22 stated that defendant would file another report once the Advanced Counterfeit Deterrence Committee (“ACD”) had agreed upon the target date for the production of currency incorporating the new anti-counterfeiting features.

2. The Secretary of Treasury has asked BEP to work closely with the Federal Reserve to accelerate work on the next family of notes with the aim that they circulate as quickly as possible, consistent with security requirements. The ACD has now approved a planning timeline under which BEP anticipates that the first notes incorporating the new security features will be

ready for production no later than 2026. This timeline is subject to revision based on a variety of factors, most notably security concerns and the pace of technological advancements. The BEP and Federal Reserve have already initiated projects intended to accelerate development activities, and they are exploring other potential methods of accelerating the production schedule.

3. As stated in Defendant's Supplemental Status Report of February 22, 2016, BEP continues to work diligently to develop a tactile feature for the currency, and continues to expect that it will be ready for incorporation into the next redesign. Defendant will continue to inform the Court regarding the development of the tactile feature, as well as regarding other measures to provide meaningful access to the currency for blind and other visually impaired persons.

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Respectfully submitted,

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