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MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court are [18] defendant's status report and proposed schedule for the processing and production of additional responsive records, and [19] plaintiff's response to that report. In light of its statement that it is "willing to search" the records it has received from Huma Abedin, Cheryl Mills, and Jacob Sullivan, the Court reads defendant's submission as waiving any objection to being ordered to search those records. Further, since these records are now in defendant's possession, and defendant has informed the Court that they "may contain records responsive to [p]laintiff's FOIA request," and given the purposes underlying the broad disclosure requirements contained in the the Freedom of Information Act -- which may not favor the conduct of government business through private email accounts -- the Court will order the processing of those materials as part of this action. Thus, it is ORDERED that, with respect to the emails provided to defendant by former Secretary Clinton (including those documents recently provided by Huma Abedin, Cheryl Mills, and Jacob Sullivan that contain emails to or from former Secretary Clinton): (1) On October 22, 2015, defendant shall file a status report disclosing the number of additional responsive documents, if any; and (2) On October 29, 2015, the parties shall file a joint status report in which they will propose to the Court a production schedule for the non-exempt portions of those documents, and, if the parties are unable to reach an agreement as to the production schedule, each shall provide their own proposed schedule. It is FURTHER ORDERED that, with respect to the documents recently provided by Huma Abedin, Cheryl Mills, and Jacob Sullivan, other than

those documents that contain emails to or from the email account of former Secretary Clinton: (1) On November 12, 2015, defendant shall: (a) produce the non-exempt portions of responsive documents that do not have to be referred to one or more other agencies for consultation; and (b) refer all responsive documents that require inter-agency consultation to the appropriate agency or agencies; (2) On November 19, 2015, defendant shall file a status report disclosing the number of documents produced to plaintiff, the number of responsive documents referred to other agencies for consultation, and the number of agencies to which responsive documents were referred; and (3) Within two weeks of completion of all inter-agency consultations for a given document, defendant shall produce the non-exempt portions of that document to plaintiff. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 10/20/2015. (lcabj2)

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