

## **EXHIBIT 2**

Motion of the Electronic Frontier Foundation for Consent to Disclosure of Court  
Records or, in the Alternative, a Determination of the Effect of the Court's  
Rules on Statutory Access Rights

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ELECTRONIC FRONTIER	)	
FOUNDATION,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
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v.	)	Civil Action No. 12-1441-ABJ
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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**DECLARATION OF MARK A. BRADLEY**

I, Mark A. Bradley, do hereby state and declare as follows:

1. I am the Director of the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) and Declassification Unit of the Office of Law and Policy in the National Security Division (“NSD”) of the United States Department of Justice (“DOJ” or “Department”). NSD is a component of the Department.

2. In addition, under a written delegation of authority pursuant to section 1.3.(c) of Executive Order 13526, I hold original classification authority at the TOP SECRET level. I am authorized, therefore, to conduct classification reviews and to make original classification and declassification decisions.

3. I submit this declaration in support of DOJ’s Motion for Summary Judgment in the above-captioned case. I make the statements herein on the basis of personal knowledge, as well as on information acquired by me in the course of performing my official duties.

## PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST

4. By letter dated July 26, 2012, plaintiff, the Electronic Frontier Foundation (“EFF”), requested the following:

1. Any written opinion or order, ... in which “the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court held that some collection carried out pursuant to the Section 702 minimization procedures used by the government was unreasonable under the Fourth Amendment”;
2. Any written opinion or order, ... reflecting or concerning a FISC determination that “the government’s implementation of Section 702 of FISA has sometimes circumvented the spirit of the law”; and,
3. Any briefing provided to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence or the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence concerning the FISC opinions or orders, described in items (1) and (2) above.

The NSD FOIA unit assigned this request number 12-219. This request is attached as Exhibit A.

## NSD'S RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST

5. In a letter dated January 3, 2013, NSD FOIA informed EFF that it had searched the files of the Office of the Assistant Attorney General (“OAAG”) for NSD and the files of NSD’s OI and located five responsive records. The five responsive records are:

- (A) FISC order dated October 3, 2011, totaling 86 pages<sup>1</sup>, and responsive to items 1 and 2 of plaintiff’s request. This document was withheld in full pursuant to FOIA Exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
- (B) Redacted version of document A which was produced to Congress pursuant to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (“FISA”). Highly sensitive information was redacted from this version of the order, but this version still contains information classified at the TOP SECRET level. This document was withheld in

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<sup>1</sup> Based on the particular circumstances presented in this case, I have determined that revealing the date and length of the FISC opinion identified above and at issue in this case would not compromise national security. However, similar information may be classified as to other FISC opinions where disclosure of the date or length of an opinion, either in isolation or in conjunction with other information that might be available to the public or to persons subject to intelligence collection, might tend to reveal classified national security information, including information concerning the timing or nature of intelligence activities. For example, in certain settings, the date or length of a FISC opinion might assist a sophisticated adversary in deducing particular intelligence activities or sources and methods, and possibly lead to the use of countermeasures that may deprive the United States of critical intelligence. Accordingly, my decision to release information as to this particular opinion does not indicate that similar information about other FISC opinions will also be released.

full pursuant to FOIA Exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

- (C) An undated, classified white paper prepared by DOJ for Congress, totaling nine pages, only one paragraph of which is responsive to item 3 of the request. The responsive paragraph was withheld in full pursuant to FOIA Exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
- (D) Joint Statement of Lisa Monaco, Assistant Attorney General for the National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice; John C. (Chris) Inglis, Deputy Director for the National Security Agency, Robert Litt, General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence before the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, United States House of Representatives at a Hearing Concerning "FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization" presented on December 8, 2011. Portions of this statement are responsive to item 3 of the request.
- (E) Joint Statement of Lisa Monaco, Assistant Attorney General for the National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice; John C. (Chris) Inglis, Deputy Director for the National Security Agency, Robert Litt, General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, United States Senate at a Hearing Concerning "FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization" presented on February 9, 2012. Portions of this statement are responsive to item 3 of the request.

Enclosed with the January 3, 2013 letter, attached as Exhibit B, were redacted versions of documents D and E for partial release.

6. I examined documents C, D, and E and determined all three contain National Security Agency ("NSA") equity. As a result, NSD sent documents C, D, and E to the NSA. NSA asked NSD to withhold the responsive paragraph in document C in full pursuant to FOIA Exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). NSA also asked NSD to withhold documents D and E in part pursuant to FOIA Exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). As noted above, NSD released documents D and E in part on January 3, 2013. Documents C, D, and E are discussed in the declaration of Diane Janosek.

#### **DOCUMENTS A AND B**

7. Document A is an opinion issued by the FISC and is subject to section 1803(c) of FISA which states, "[r]ecords of proceedings under this Act, including applications made and

orders granted, shall be maintained under security measures established by the Chief Justice in consultation with the Attorney General and the Director of National Intelligence.” And under Rule 62(b) of the FISC Rules of Procedure, a FISC order or opinion may not be released by the Clerk “without a Court order.” To date, the FISC has not issued any orders releasing this opinion, and FISC rules prohibit the release of any portion of the opinion without a FISC order.<sup>2</sup> A copy of the FISC Rules of Procedure is attached as Exhibit C.

#### EXEMPTION ONE

8. In addition, I have determined that documents A and B are exempt under FOIA Exemption One. I have examined documents A and B, and I have determined that both documents are currently and properly classified under Executive Order 13526. Specifically, I have determined that the withheld information contained in these records meets the criteria for classification as set forth in subparagraphs (c) and (g) of Section 1.4 of Executive Order 13526, which respectively authorize the classification of information concerning “intelligence activities (including covert action), intelligence sources or methods, or cryptology,” and “vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to national security,” which includes defense against transnational terrorism. I have also determined that the classified information in the responsive documents is “owned by, produced by or for, or under the control of the United States Government,” as required by E.O. 13526. Further, the withheld information in NSD’s responsive records is not the same as the information that was declassified by ODNI in the July 20, 2012 letter from Kathleen Turner, ODNI’s

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<sup>2</sup> As noted above, document B is a redacted version of this opinion which was provided to Congress pursuant to 50 U.S.C. § 1871. The redacted version still contains information classified at the TOP SECRET level. FISC rule 62(c) permits the Government to provide copies of FISC “opinions, decisions, or other Court records, to Congress, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. §§ 1871(a)(5), 1871(c), or 1881(b)(1)(D), or any other statutory requirement, without prior motion to and order by the Court.” FISC rules do not permit the Government to release FISC opinions to a FOIA requester or any other member of the public without a FISC order.

Director of Legislative Affairs, to Senator Ron Wyden.

9. Because the withheld material in documents A and B is classified at the TOP SECRET level, its disclosure could be expected to cause exceptionally grave damage to the national security of the United States. I have examined documents A and B, and I have determined that the withheld material contains specific descriptions of the manner and means by which the United States Government targets non-United States persons located overseas to acquire foreign intelligence information under Section 702. As such, I have determined that the withheld information describes highly sensitive intelligence activities, sources and methods, and disclosure of this information would provide our adversaries and foreign intelligence targets with insight into the United States Government's foreign intelligence collection capabilities, which in turn could be used to develop the means to degrade and evade those collection capabilities.

#### **EXEMPTION THREE**

10. I have also determined that the information in documents A and B is also exempt from disclosure pursuant to FOIA Exemption 3. Exemption 3 states that FOIA's disclosure provisions do not apply to matters that are specifically exempted from disclosure by statute. In this case, I examined the withheld information and determined that it is protected by the National Security Act of 1947, as amended by the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act ("IRTPA") of 2004, which protects intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure. 50 U.S.C. § 403-1(i)(1). I determined the information in documents A and B contains intelligence sources and method and is therefore protected from release by the National Security Act and FOIA Exemption 3.

#### **SEGREGABILITY**

11. I reviewed documents A, B, C, D, and E for purposes of complying with FOIA's

segregability provision which requires the Government to release “any reasonably segregable portion of a record” after proper application of the FOIA exemptions. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). For documents A and B, I determined that no portion of them could be properly segregated and released due to the FISC’s rules pertaining to the release of its orders.

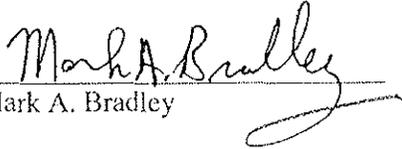
12. After careful examination, I have also determined that the one responsive paragraph in document C contains no unclassified portions that can be segregated and released. The unclassified, non-exempt material in the one responsive paragraph in document C is so inextricably intertwined with the classified material that the release of any non-exempt information would produce only incomplete, fragmented, unintelligible sentences and phrases that are devoid of any meaning.

13. For documents D and E, the non-exempt, responsive information was segregated and provided in NSD’s response, dated January 3, 2013. The exempt and non-responsive portions of the document were redacted.

CONCLUSION

I certify, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2013

  
Mark A. Bradley