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12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 13 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 14 OAKLAND DIVISION

15 VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, et al.,

16 Plaintiffs,

17 v.

18 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, et al.,

19 Defendants.
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Case No. CV 09-0037-CW (EDL)

**JOINT STATUS REPORT
 REGARDING STATUS OF MOTION
 FOR FEES AND EXPENSES**

1 The parties to the above-entitled action submit the following Joint Status Report pursuant
2 to the Court's July 5, 2018 Order Regarding the Status of Motion for Attorneys' Fees and
3 Expenses, ECF No. 612:

4 1. On July 18, 2017, Plaintiffs filed a motion for an award of attorneys' fees, costs, and
5 other expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412. The parties filed a
6 stipulation to stay further briefing on Plaintiffs' motion to allow sufficient time to negotiate and
7 settle the fee dispute. The Court granted the stipulated request for a stay. *See* Order, ECF No.
8 602.

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10 2. Over the past year, the parties have engaged diligently in settlement negotiations and
11 have made substantial progress towards the resolution of Plaintiffs' petition for fees and
12 expenses. As a result of those efforts, the parties have reached a tentative settlement in principle,
13 subject to final review and authorization by the government.

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15 3. Given this progress, the parties do not believe that a referral of the petition to a
16 magistrate judge is necessary at this time. The parties anticipate being in a position to file
17 petition settlement papers on or before August 17, 2018.

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20 Dated: July 12, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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