

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

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

DEFENDANT’S SUPPLEMENTAL STATUS REPORT

Defendant, by his undersigned counsel, hereby submits this supplemental status report to inform the Court and the plaintiffs regarding the adjustment of an interim target date in the timeline for developing an appropriate tactile feature for United States currency. Although the defendant does not believe the Court’s Order of August 15, 2012 (Doc. 121) requires this supplemental report, it is submitted voluntarily in the belief that the Court and the plaintiffs would want to know of these developments.

1. As stated in Defendant’s Twelfth Status Report (Doc. 127) and in prior filings, final recommendations regarding currency redesign are made by the Advanced Counterfeit Deterrence Committee and its working-level committee, the Interagency Currency Design Technical Group (“ICD”), which are composed of representatives from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (“BEP” or “Bureau”), the Department of the Treasury, the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, the Currency Technology Office of the Federal Reserve System, and the United States Secret Service. The BEP must consult with representatives of these entities as it develops an appropriate tactile feature.

2. Having eliminated one potential technology for producing the tactile feature, the Bureau continues to explore three other potential technologies. As stated in Defendant’s Twelfth

Status Report, a subcommittee of the ICD directed the Bureau to revise the technical requirements for a tactile feature and to develop additional data on the three remaining technologies, including conducting additional testing. The technical requirements have been revised, and the BEP and ICD are reviewing the additional data. The analysis from this collaborative review of data affects when the Bureau expects to be able to select the appropriate technology for the tactile feature.

3. Based on these developments and the current state of discussions, the Bureau expects to be able to eliminate one of the three remaining potential technologies in April 2015, and to select the technology to be used for the tactile feature in December 2015. This adjustment has not, however, changed the BEP's target date for the actual production of redesigned currency with a tactile feature. As noted in Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Supplemental Status Report (Doc. 130), the Bureau can diminish the impact of a delay in one interim step by reducing the time needed to complete other interim steps; for example, the Bureau can reduce the time needed to procure additional machinery. As required by the Court's Order of August 15, 2012, the defendant will "promptly inform the Court of any . . . major delays in implementing the next major currency redesign" (Doc. 121).

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Respectfully submitted,

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