UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

STEPHEN L. BRAGA	)	
	)	
PLAINTIFF,	)	
	)	
v.	)	**Case 1:12-cv-00139 (JEB)**
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,	)	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,	)	
	)	
DEFENDANT.	)	

MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b), Defendant requests a 30-day enlargement of time in which to file an answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiff's complaint. In accordance with Local Civil Rule 7(m), Defendant conferred with Plaintiff and Plaintiff consents to this enlargement of time. This is the first enlargement of time that Defendant has sought, and granting this motion should cause no prejudice.

Defendant seeks an enlargement of time because its counsel needs thirty days to review the facts and law underlying this FOIA lawsuit, confer with agency counsel, and prepare an appropriate response to the complaint. Although the Return Of Service filed by Plaintiff indicates that the United States Attorney was served February 22, 2012, the U.S. Attorney's Office first received notice of the complaint today, March 22, 2012. The signature on the certified mail receipt filed with the service appears to be from an individual in another component of the Department of Justice. The materials for which that individual signed did not reach the civil process clerk for the U.S. Attorney. Although Defendant could insist upon formal compliance with Rule 4(i), and request that Plaintiff re-send the complaint and summons to the Civil Process Clerk at the Civil Division of the U.S.