

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

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

DEFENDANT’S SIXTEENTH STATUS REPORT

Defendant, by his undersigned counsel, hereby submits this Sixteenth Status Report pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Court’s Order and Judgment of October 3, 2008 (Doc. 96), and the Court’s Order of August 15, 2012 (Doc. 121), which require the defendant to file semi-annual status reports describing the steps taken to implement the Order and Judgment.

1. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing (“BEP” or “Bureau”) continues to make progress in pursuing the Secretary of the Treasury’s three-pronged approach to providing meaningful access to United States currency by (1) adding a raised tactile feature to each Federal Reserve note that the BEP may lawfully redesign, (2) continuing the Bureau’s program of adding large, high-contrast numerals and different colors to each denomination that it may lawfully redesign, and (3) implementing a currency reader distribution program for blind and other visually impaired U.S. citizens and legal residents.

2. The status of defendant’s efforts to provide meaningful access to the currency, as of August 12, 2016, was reflected in the Opposition to Plaintiffs’ Motion to Modify Judgment and the accompanying declarations of Michael Wash and Teresa Fynes (Doc. 148). Testing on potential tactile features continues.

3. The currency reader distribution program operated by BEP and the National Library Service continues to be very successful. As of September 9, 2016, the program had distributed more than 43,800 readers.

4. Downloads of the mobile device applications, which allow smartphones and similar devices to function as currency readers, have continued to increase. The EyeNote app for Apple devices, which BEP developed, has been downloaded approximately 29,000 times. The IDEAL Currency Identifier app for the Android operating system has been downloaded approximately 8,280 times.

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