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12 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
 13 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
 14 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

15 FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF LOS ) ANGELES, <i>et al.</i> , ) 16 ) Plaintiffs, ) 17 ) v. ) 18 ) NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, <i>et al.</i> , ) 19 ) Defendants. ) 20 )	Case No. 3:13-cv-03287-JSW  <b>NOTICE OF FILING OF          GOVERNMENT DEFENDANTS'          PROPOSED PRESERVATION          ORDER</b>
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21 Pursuant to the Court's instructions at the conclusion of the March 19, 2014 hearing on  
 22 preservation issues in this case, the Government Defendants respectfully submit this proposed  
 23 order regarding preservation of potentially relevant evidence. As discussed in the Government's  
 24 Response to Plaintiffs' Opening Brief Re: Preservation (ECF No. 92) at 34-35, and during the  
 25 hearing, the Government does not object to the entry of a preservation order in this case  
 26 patterned on the preservation order issued in *Jewel v. NSA*, Case No. 08-cv-4373 (ECF No. 51),  
 27 so long as the Government's obligations regarding preservation of telephony metadata collected  
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1 pursuant to Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act, Pub L. No. 107-56 (2001), and in particular  
2 such telephony metadata that is more than five years old, are made clear. The Government  
3 further reiterates that if the Court determines that the value to this litigation of such telephony  
4 metadata that is more than five years old outweighs the burdens of retaining it, and orders the  
5 National Security Agency (NSA) to retain telephony metadata beyond the five-year retention  
6 limit imposed by orders of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC), the Government  
7 will seek leave from the FISC to preserve those records. Obtaining such leave remains necessary  
8 because the FISC's March 12, 2014 order only temporarily granted the Government leave to  
9 retain these data, pending resolution of the preservation issue before this Court. Mar. 12, 2014  
10 FISC Order (Exh. A to Plaintiffs' Opening Brief re Evidence Preservation (ECF No. 90)). The  
11 Government will, of course, abide by the courts' ultimate determination of its preservation  
12 obligations.

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14 Dated: March 20, 2014

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Defendants.	)	
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22 **[PROPOSED] ORDER**

23 Upon consideration of Plaintiffs’ Opening Brief Re: Evidence Preservation (ECF No.  
 24 90), the Government Defendants’ Response to Plaintiffs’ Opening Brief Re: Preservation (ECF  
 25 No. 92, the *ex parte, in camera* submission made by the Government Defendants (ECF No. 93),  
 26 Plaintiffs’ Reply Brief Re Evidence Preservation (ECF No. 95), and the oral presentations made  
 27 by both parties before me on March 19, 2014, the Court hereby ENTERS the following order:  
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1           A.     The Court reminds all parties of their duty to preserve evidence that may be  
2 relevant to this action. The duty extends to documents, data and tangible things in the  
3 possession, custody and control of the parties to this action, and any employees, agents,  
4 contractors, carriers, bailees or other non-parties who possess materials reasonably anticipated to  
5 be subject to discovery in this action. Counsel are under an obligation to exercise efforts to  
6 identify and notify such non-parties, including employees of corporate or institutional parties.

7           B.     “Documents, data and tangible things” is to be interpreted broadly to include  
8 writings, records, files, correspondence, reports, memoranda, calendars, diaries, minutes,  
9 electronic messages, voicemail, e-mail, telephone message records or logs, computer and  
10 network activity logs, hard drives, backup data, removable computer storage media such as  
11 tapes, disks and cards, printouts, document image files, web pages, databases, spreadsheets,  
12 software, books, ledgers, journals, orders, invoices, bills, vouchers, checks, statements,  
13 worksheets, summaries, compilations, computations, charts, diagrams, graphic presentations,  
14 drawings, films, digital or chemical process photographs, video, phonographic, tape or digital  
15 recordings or transcripts thereof, drafts, jottings and notes. Information that serves to identify,  
16 locate, or link such material, such as file inventories, file folders, indices and metadata, is also  
17 included in this definition.

18           C.     “Preservation” is to be interpreted broadly to accomplish the goal of maintaining  
19 the integrity of all documents, data and tangible things reasonably anticipated to be subject to  
20 discovery under FRCP 26, 45 and 56(e) in this action. Preservation includes taking reasonable  
21 steps to prevent the partial or full destruction, alteration, testing, deletion, shredding,  
22 incineration, wiping, relocation, migration, theft, or mutation of such material, as well as  
23 negligent or intentional handling that would make material incomplete or inaccessible.

24           D.     The scope of this preservation order reaches to documents, data and tangible  
25 things relating to the Government Defendants’ collection of bulk telephony metadata pursuant to  
26 the orders of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC) under the authority of 50 U.S.C.  
27 § 1861 (Section 215 program), which began in May 2006. For purposes of clarity, the key  
28 allegations with regard to evidence preservation may be found in paragraphs three and four of

1 Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint (ECF No. 9), in which Plaintiffs "challenge[]" what they  
2 call "an illegal and unconstitutional program of dragnet electronic surveillance, specifically the  
3 bulk acquisition, seizure, collection, storage, retention, and searching of telephone  
4 communications information (the 'Associational Tracking Program') conducted by the National  
5 Security Agency (NSA) and the other defendants (collectively, 'Defendants')", pursuant to  
6 which the NSA allegedly "collects telephone communications information for all telephone calls  
7 transiting the networks of all major American telecommunication companies, including Verizon,  
8 AT&T, and Sprint, ostensibly under the authority of section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act,  
9 codified at 50 U.S.C. § 1861." *Id.* ¶¶ 3, 4; *see also id.* ¶¶ 52, 55, 56, 66, 73, 93-97, 103-05, 107-  
10 08; ECF Nos. 24, 66, 72, 81 (dispositive motions briefing in which the Government Defendants,  
11 without objection by Plaintiffs, characterized and briefed this action as a "challenge [to] the  
12 NSA's collection, under a provision of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) known  
13 as Section 215, of bulk 'telephony metadata' . . . ." ECF No. 66, at 1.

14 E. Whereas at all times under the current operation of the program the NSA will  
15 retain up to five years' worth of telephony metadata collected pursuant to Section 215, and  
16 pursuant to this order must preserve relevant documents, records, and information about the  
17 operation of the Section 215 program, including Secondary Orders issued to telecommunications  
18 carriers, that may be relevant to the issue of Plaintiffs' standing, this preservation order does not  
19 require the Government Defendants to maintain telephony metadata as defined in the FISC  
20 orders that periodically reauthorize the Section 215 Program that the NSA would otherwise  
21 destroy in order to comply with the minimization requirements set forth in such FISC orders.

22 F. Counsel are directed to inquire of their respective clients about materials, within  
23 the scope of this preservation order as set forth above, if the business or government practices of  
24 any party involve the routine destruction, recycling, relocation, or mutation of such materials  
25 and, if so, direct the party, to the extent practicable for the pendency of this order, to:

26 (1) halt such business or government practices;

27 (2) sequester or remove such material from the business or government practices; or  
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1 (3) arrange for the preservation of complete and accurate duplicates or copies of such  
2 material, suitable for later discovery if requested.

3 Counsel representing each party shall, not later than April 21, 2014, submit to the Court  
4 under seal and pursuant to FRCP 11, a statement that the directive in paragraph F, above, has  
5 been carried out.

6 G. The Government Defendants shall notify the Court *ex parte, in camera*, if  
7 necessary, of any material changes to the operation of the Section 215 program that would  
8 reduce materially the scope of metadata collected or retained by the NSA pursuant to the  
9 operation of that program, so that this Court may address the necessity of modifying this order in  
10 light of such changes.

11 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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13 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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14 The Honorable Jeffrey S. White  
United States District Judge  
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