

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

BUZZFEED, INC. and BEN SMITH,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 1:17-mc-02429-APM

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, JAMES
COMEY, and JAMES CLAPPER,

Defendants.

**DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF LODGING OF
CLASSIFIED EX PARTE, IN CAMERA DECLARATION**

Pursuant to the Court's Minute Orders of February 16, 2018, and March 1, 2018, the Government Respondents in the above-captioned action hereby provide notice that this afternoon they have lodged with the Court a declaration classified SECRET for the Court's *ex parte, in camera* review. This classified declaration is submitted in further support of their assertion of the law enforcement privilege in the Government's Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Compel. *See* ECF No. 8.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of March, 2018,

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