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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CAROLYN JEWEL, TASH HEPTING,
GREGORY HICKS, ERIK KNUTZEN, and
JOICE WALTON,

No C 08-4373 VRW
ORDER

Plaintiffs,

v

NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, et al,

Defendants.

All Government defendants sued in their individual capacity herein (George W Bush, Richard B Cheney, David S Addington, Keith B Alexander, Michael V Hayden, John D McConnell, John D Negroponte, Michael B Mukasey, Alberto R Gonzales, and John D Ashcroft) have moved the court for an order that they not be required to answer or otherwise respond to plaintiffs' complaint until "after there is a determination that plaintiffs have standing to proceed in this action." Doc #22 at 1. Plaintiffs oppose the motion, asserting that it is no more than a stay request that does not meet the standards for a stay. Doc #23.

1 The court believes that the open-ended stay the
2 individual defendants have requested is unwarranted at this time.
3 Accordingly, the request is DENIED without prejudice. The
4 individual defendants shall have until June 25, 2009 within which
5 to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint.

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7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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10 VAUGHN R WALKER
11 United States District Chief Judge
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