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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF	)	
TEACHERS, et al.,	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 8:25-cv-00430-DLB
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SCOTT BESSENT, et al.,	)	
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Defendants.	)	
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Greenbelt, Maryland  
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BEFORE THE HONORABLE DEBORAH L. BOARDMAN  
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1 MS. HALL: Your Honor, we might invoke the routine use  
2 exception as an alternative.

3 THE COURT: Understood, but --

4 MS. HALL: Yes, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: -- if the facts prove that these were  
6 employees, you would be relying on the need to know exception.

7 MS. HALL: Yes, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Okay.

9 All right. Well, listen, let's just -- let's talk  
10 about it since you're here, and I'll ask the plaintiff some  
11 follow-up questions.

12 I didn't see any discussion of compatibility. Did you  
13 not address that because you didn't think the routine use  
14 exception applies or because you don't have any good arguments  
15 on compatibility?

16 MS. HALL: Your Honor, it was because we don't believe  
17 that the routine use exception applies here.

18 THE COURT: All right. Do you have any arguments on  
19 compatibility that you want to share with me?

20 MS. HALL: So Your Honor, I don't have the PIAs in  
21 front of me, so to the extent that analyzing the text of those  
22 is particularly important on compatibility, I'm not prepared to  
23 make specific representations about the PIAs.

24 But Your Honor, I think that when the government is  
25 collecting a lot of this data, part of the reason that the

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