



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Alexandria Division

MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a )  
 Washington corporation, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
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 v. )  
 )  
 JOHN DOES 1-18, CONTROLLING A )  
 COMPUTER BOTNET THEREBY )  
 INJURING MICROSOFT AND ITS )  
 CUSTOMERS )  
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 Defendants. )  
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Civil Action No: 1:13cv139 (LMB/TCB)

**ORDER GRANTING LIMITED AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT  
DISCOVERY NECESSARY TO IDENTIFY AND SERVE DOE DEFENDANTS**

This matter having been fully briefed, and the Court being fully apprised of the facts and law, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED under Rule 26(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that Microsoft's Motion for Limited Authority to Conduct Discovery Necessary to Identify and Serve Doe Defendants is HEREBY GRANTED. Such authority shall include the following:

Microsoft may serve discovery upon third-party Internet service providers and other companies likely to have information that could aid in the identification of the Doe Defendants.

Microsoft shall have until 120 days from the date of this Order to conduct discovery necessary to identify and serve the Doe Defendants, *and shall provide status reports to the court every 30 days. LMB*

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 Leonie M. Brinkema  
 United States District Judge