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Washington, February 6 (RHC)-- The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, the CIA, has offered its employees eight months of salary and benefits in exchange for their early retirement, becoming the first U.S. intelligence agency to offer buyouts to its entire workforce.

This comes after the White House said at least 20,000 civilian U.S. government workers — or about 1% of the federal workforce — have accepted a buyout offer advanced by Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE.

On Monday, unions representing civilian government employees sued the U.S. Treasury and Secretary Scott Bessent, alleging the department illegally granted Elon Musk and his DOGE associates access to the personal information of millions of people across the U.S., including Social Security numbers, tax returns, home addresses, phone numbers, bank account information and more.

Separately, Wired magazine reported federal workers are seeking a temporary restraining order as part of a class-action lawsuit accusing a group of Elon Musk's associates of operating an illegally connected server from the fifth floor of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management's headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The motion contends Musk's moves not only violate federal law but are potentially exposing vast amounts of government workers' personal information to hostile foreign adversaries through unencrypted email.

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