

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:98-cv-00610-JR**

HUFFINGTON v. DOS
Assigned to: Judge James Robertson
Demand: \$0
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/10/1998
Date Terminated: 02/11/2000
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government
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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/10/1998	1	COMPLAINT filed by plaintiff ARIANNA HUFFINGTON (JMF) (Entered: 03/11/1998)
03/10/1998		SUMMONS (3) issued to federal party(s) federal defendant DOS , and non-parties: U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (JMF) (Entered: 03/11/1998)
04/10/1998	2	ATTORNEY APPEARANCE for federal defendant DOS by Roderick Lynn Thomas (JMF) (Entered: 04/14/1998)
04/10/1998	3	ANSWER TO COMPLAINT [1-1] by federal defendant DOS . (JMF) (Entered: 04/14/1998)
04/16/1998	4	ORDER by Judge James Robertson : dispositive motions due within 30 days from the date of this order <date not set> or Meet Confer Statement due <date not set> within 30 days of the date of this order. (N) (jeb) (Entered: 04/16/1998)
05/18/1998	5	MOTION (UNOPPOSED) filed by federal defendant DOS to extend time to file a response to the Court's April 16, 1998, Order (lkn) (Entered: 05/19/1998)
05/20/1998	6	ORDER by Judge James Robertson : granting motion to extend time to file a response to the Court's April 16, 1998, Order [5-1] by DOS extending time to 5/22/98 (N) (JMF) (Entered: 05/20/1998)
05/22/1998	7	MOTION filed by federal defendant DOS to stay pending the processing of plaintiff's request ; exhibits (15) (JMF) (Entered: 05/26/1998)
05/27/1998	8	MOTION filed by federal defendant DOS to place one page under seal (JMF) (Entered: 05/28/1998)
06/02/1998	9	ORDER by Judge James Robertson : denying motion to place one page under seal [8-1] by DOS; permitting defendant to file a substitute for the one page attachment and that, upon such filing, the Clerk will physically expunge and destroy the page it is meant to replace. (N) (gew) (Entered: 06/04/1998)
06/04/1998	10	ERRATA by federal defendant DOS of substitute pages of motion for an open america stay filed on May 22, 1998. (JMF) (Entered: 06/09/1998)
06/04/1998	11	CROSS MOTIONS by plaintiff ARIANNA HUFFINGTON for discovery and production of vaughn index (JMF) (Entered: 06/09/1998)
06/04/1998	12	RESPONSE by plaintiff ARIANNA HUFFINGTON in opposition to cross motion for discovery and production of vaughn index [11-1] by ARIANNA HUFFINGTON, motion to stay pending the processing of plaintiff's request [7-1] by DOS; attachments (1) . (JMF) (Entered: 06/09/1998)

06/12/1998	13	MOTION (UNOPPOSED) filed by federal defendant DOS to extend time to 6/26/98 to file a reply to plaintiff's opposition to defendant's motion for an open america stay, and an opposition to plaintiff's cross-motion for discovery and production of vaughn index (JMF) (Entered: 06/15/1998)
06/17/1998	14	ORDER by Judge James Robertson : granting motion to extend time to 6/26/98 to file a reply to plaintiff's opposition to defendant's motion for an open america stay, and an opposition to plaintiff's cross-motion for discovery and production of vaughn index [13-1] by DOS (N) (jeb) (Entered: 06/17/1998)
06/26/1998	15	MOTION filed by federal defendant DOS to extend time to three days to file a reply plaintiff's opposition to defendant's motion for an open America stay and opposition to plaintiff's cross motion for discovery and production of vaughn index (st) (Entered: 06/29/1998)
06/29/1998	16	ORDER by Judge James Robertson : granting motion to extend time until 07/01/98 days to file a reply plaintiff's opposition to defendant's motion for an open America stay and opposition to plaintiff's cross motion for discovery and production of vaughn index [15-1] by DOS (N) (gew) (Entered: 06/29/1998)
07/01/1998	17	REPLY by federal defendant DOS to plaintiff's opposition to defendant's motion for and open America stay [7-1] by DOS . (tw) (Entered: 07/02/1998)
07/01/1998	18	RESPONSE by federal defendant DOS in opposition to plaintiff's cross motion for discovery and production of vaughn index [11-1] by ARIANNA HUFFINGTON . (tw) (Entered: 07/02/1998)
07/06/1998	19	ORDER by Judge James Robertson : denying cross motion for discovery and production of vaughn index [11-1] by ARIANNA HUFFINGTON; granting motion to stay pending the processing of plaintiff's request [7-1] by DOS (N) (jeb) (Entered: 07/06/1998)
07/15/1998	20	MOTION filed by plaintiff ARIANNA HUFFINGTON for reconsideration of order [19-1] granting defendant an open America stay (st) (Entered: 07/16/1998)
07/17/1998	21	ORDER by Judge James Robertson: directing the defendant to respond to the plaintiff's motion for reconsideration of the Court's Order of 7/6/98 granting an Open America stay due by 7/30/98 (N) (jeb) (Entered: 07/17/1998)
07/21/1998		SCHEDULING NOTICE: motion hearing set for 9:30 7/28/98 ; before Judge James Robertson . (jeb) (Entered: 07/21/1998)
07/28/1998		STATUS HEARING before Judge James Robertson : reply to motions for open america stay due 8/21/98 ; Reporter: Dennis A. Dinkel (JMF) (Entered: 07/29/1998)
08/21/1998	22	RESPONSE by federal defendant DOS to Court's July 28, 1998 order [0-0] (JMF) (Entered: 08/25/1998)
09/02/1998	23	RESPONSE by plaintiff ARIANNA HUFFINGTON to defendants response to 7/28/98 order[22-1] (st) (Entered: 09/03/1998)

09/04/1998	24	NOTICE OF FILING by plaintiff ARIANNA HUFFINGTON, federal defendant DOS of proposed scheduling Order (lkn) (Entered: 09/08/1998)
09/24/1998	25	ORDER by Judge James Robertson: directing the defendant DOS to produce requested records due by 11/19/98; directing the defendant DOS to produce a Vaughn Index twenty days thereafter; plaintiff to submit a written list of documents in contention, ten days after receiving the Vaughn index; directing the defendant DOS to file a dispositive motion, if any, 30 days after plaintiff's submission; denying as moot all outstanding motions relating to the defendant DOS (N) (jeb) (Entered: 09/24/1998)
12/09/1998	26	JOINT MOTION by plaintiff ARIANNA HUFFINGTON, federal defendant DOS for revised scheduling order (lkn) (Entered: 12/10/1998)
12/09/1998	27	JOINT MOTION by plaintiff ARIANNA HUFFINGTON, federal defendant DOS for revised scheduling order (lkn) (Entered: 12/10/1998)
12/09/1998	28	SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL for federal defendant DOS , substituting Brian J. Sonfield for attorney Roderick Lynn Thomas for DOS (lkn) (Entered: 12/11/1998)
12/14/1998	29	ORDER by Judge James Robertson : granting joint motion for revised scheduling order [27-1] by DOS, ARIANNA HUFFINGTON; plaintiff to file a written list of withholdings being challenged due 12/18/98; defendant to produce a Vaughn Index with respect to such withholdings due by 1/8/99 (N) (jeb) (Entered: 12/14/1998)
01/08/1999	30	VAUGHN INDEX by federal defendant DOS (jf) (Entered: 01/11/1999)
02/23/1999		STATUS HEARING before Judge James Robertson: all motions pertaining to the Department of State are moot; Court to consolidate this action with CA 98-1013 for all purposes; defendant DOJ to file an appropriate declaration to plaintiff's questions about the "so called" task force within 2 weeks; plaintiff to respond 2 weeks thereafter; motion of the defendant CIA to dismiss granted as conceded; Court reinstates the complaint as to the FBI and defendant FBI to respond in 60 days; plaintiff to file a declaration with regard to the task force issue of the Department of Justice by the end of March; Reporter: Dennis Dinkel (jeb) (Entered: 02/23/1999)
02/24/1999	31	ORDER by Judge James Robertson: consolidating case with CA 98-1013 for all purposes; granting as conceded the motion of the defendant CIA to dismiss for mootness in CA 98-1013; defendant DOJ to file a declaration due 3/9/99; plaintiff to respond due 3/23/99; reinstating the plaintiff's action against the defendant FBI and defendant FBI to file a status report due to 4/23/99. (N) (jeb) (Entered: 02/24/1999)
02/24/1999		ALL PLEADINGS IN THIS CASE ARE BEING DOCKETED AND FILED IN CA-98-1013 AS OF 02/24/99 (jf) (Entered: 02/26/1999)
03/10/1999	32	RESPONSE by federal defendant DOJ in 1:98-cv-01013 to Court's dated 02/24/99 [42-2] in 1:98-cv-01013; declarations (1); exhibits (3) (jf) (Entered: 03/11/1999)
03/16/1999	33	TRANSCRIPT filed for date(s) of February 23, 1999. Reporter: Dennis A. Dinkel (jf) (Entered: 03/17/1999)

03/30/1999	34	MOTION (UNOPPOSED) filed by plaintiff ARIANNA HUFFINGTON in 1:98-cv-00610 to extend time to 4/5/99 to file motion for summary judgment against defendant Dept. of State and until 04/23/99 to file any response to the forthcoming defendant Dept. of Justice's notice of filing. (lkn) (Entered: 03/31/1999)
04/01/1999	35	ORDER by Judge James Robertson : granting motion to extend time to 4/5/99 to file motion for summary judgment against defendant Dept. of State; and until 04/23/99 to file any response to the forthcoming defendant Dept. of Justice's notice of filing. [34-1] by ARIANNA HUFFINGTON in 1:98-cv-00610; defendant's supplemental declarations due 04/09/99. (N) (jeb) (Entered: 04/01/1999)
04/05/1999	36	MOTION filed by plaintiff ARIANNA HUFFINGTON in 1:98-cv-00610 to compel defendant DOS to conduct additional searches and disclose segregable portions of specific records ; attachments (1) (jf) (Entered: 04/07/1999)
04/09/1999	37	JOINT MOTION by plaintiff ARIANNA HUFFINGTON in 1:98-cv-00610, federal defendant DOS in 1:98-cv-00610 for revised scheduling order (jf) (Entered: 04/12/1999)
04/09/1999	38	NOTICE OF FILING by federal defendant DOS in 1:98-cv-00610 supplemental declaration of Linda J. Joachim (jf) (Entered: 04/12/1999)
04/13/1999	39	ORDER by Judge James Robertson : granting joint motion for revised scheduling order [37-1] by DOS, ARIANNA HUFFINGTON in 1:98-cv-00610; defendant DOJ to file a second supplemental declaration due 4/16/99; plaintiff's response due 4/30/99. (N) (jeb) (Entered: 04/13/1999)
04/16/1999	40	NOTICE OF FILING by federal defendant DOS in 1:98-cv-00610 of second supplemental declaration of Linda J. Joachim (jf) (Entered: 04/21/1999)
04/19/1999	41	MOTION (CONSENT) filed by federal defendant DOS in 1:98-cv-00610 to extend time to 5/10/99 to respond to motion to compel defendant DOS to conduct additional searches and disclose segregable portions of specific records (jf) (Entered: 04/21/1999)
04/21/1999	42	ORDER by Judge James Robertson : granting motion to extend time to 5/10/99 to respond to motion to compel defendant DOS to conduct additional searches and disclose segregable portions of specific records [41-1] by DOS in 1:98-cv-00610 (N) (jeb) (Entered: 04/21/1999)
04/22/1999	43	STATUS REPORT by Non Party DOJ in 1:98-cv-00610 (jf) (Entered: 04/28/1999)
05/10/1999	44	MOTION (CONSENT) filed by federal defendant DOS in 1:98-cv-00610 to extend time to 5/21/99 to respond to plaintiff's motion to compel defendant DOS to conduct additional searches and disclose segregable portions of specific records (jf) (Entered: 05/11/1999)
05/11/1999	45	ORDER by Judge James Robertson : granting motion to extend time to 5/21/99 to respond to plaintiff's motion to compel defendant DOS to conduct additional searches and disclose segregable portions of specific records [44-1] by DOS in 1:98-cv-00610 (N) (jeb) (Entered: 05/11/1999)

05/21/1999	46	JOINT MOTION by plaintiff ARIANNA HUFFINGTON in 1:98-cv-00610, federal defendant DOS in 1:98-cv-00610 to revise briefing schedule (jf) (Entered: 05/23/1999)
05/26/1999	47	ORDER by Judge James Robertson : granting joint motion to revise briefing schedule [46-1] by DOS, ARIANNA HUFFINGTON in 1:98-cv-00610 idefendant DOS' response to motion to compel due 5/27/99 in 1:98-cv-00610, in 1:98-cv-01013 ; plaintiff's response to defendant's cross motions due 6/30/99 in 1:98-cv-00610, in 1:98-cv-01013 ; (N) (jeb) (Entered: 05/26/1999)
05/27/1999	48	ORDER by Judge James Robertson: dismissing the complaint in CA 98-1013. (N) (jeb) (Entered: 05/27/1999)
05/27/1999	49	CROSS MOTIONS by federal defendant DOS in 1:98-cv-00610 for summary judgment ; Attachments. (lkn) (Entered: 05/28/1999)
06/25/1999	50	VAUGHN INDEX of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by Non Party DOJ in 1:98-cv-00610; declaration (1); bulky pleading (tb) (Entered: 06/28/1999)
06/29/1999	51	SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM by Non Party DOJ in 1:98-cv-00610 to to file notice [50-1] by DOJ; Declaration. (lkn) (Entered: 06/30/1999)
07/01/1999	52	MOTION (UNOPPOSED) filed by plaintiff ARIANNA HUFFINGTON in 1:98-cv-00610 to extend time nunc pro tunc to file responsive pleading (lkn) (Entered: 07/06/1999)
07/07/1999	53	ORDER by Judge James Robertson : granting motion to extend time nunc pro tunc to file responsive pleading [52-1] by ARIANNA HUFFINGTON in 1:98-cv-00610; pltf. will submit her responsive pleading within two weeks of receiving the def't.'s decision to release/withhold the contents of the remaining investigative file. (N) (mlp) (Entered: 07/07/1999)
12/21/1999	54	VAUGHN INDEX by federal defendant DOS in 1:98-cv-00610, Non Party DOJ in 1:98-cv-00610; declaration (1); exhibits (7) (tw) (Entered: 12/27/1999)
01/05/2000	55	MOTION (unopposed) filed by plaintiff ARIANNA HUFFINGTON in 1:98-cv-00610 to extend time to 1/27/00 in which to file responsive pleading. (tw) (Entered: 01/07/2000)
01/07/2000	56	ORDER by Judge James Robertson : granting motion to extend time to 1/27/00 in which to file responsive pleading. [55-1] by ARIANNA HUFFINGTON response to dispositive motions due by 1/27/00 in 1:98-cv-00610, in 1:98-cv-01013 ; in 1:98-cv-00610 (N) (mlp) (Entered: 01/10/2000)
02/01/2000	58	MOTION (unopposed) filed by plaintiff ARIANNA HUFFINGTON in 1:98-cv-00610 to extend time to 2/17/00 in which to file responsive pleading to the defendant's notice of filing of supplemental Vaughn Index, Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment and Reply to defendant's opposition to plaintiff's motion to compel. (tw) (Entered: 02/07/2000)
02/03/2000	57	ORDER by Judge James Robertson: granting pltf.'s unopposed motion for an extension of time in which to file responsive pleading; pleading to be filed by 2/17/00. (N) (mlp) (Entered: 02/04/2000)

02/03/2000	59	NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS by Mark Steven Zaid in 1:98-cv-00610 representing plaintiff ARIANNA HUFFINGTON in 1:98-cv-00610. New address: 1275 K Street, N.W. Suite 770 Washington, D.C. 20005 (202) 371-6626. (tw) (Entered: 02/09/2000)
02/11/2000	60	STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT , approved by Judge James Robertson: dismissing case [1-1] with prejudice in 1:98-cv-00610, case [1-1] with prejudice in 1:98-cv-01013; defts. shall pay pltf.'s attorney a lump sum of \$12,000.00 in attorneys' fees and costs. (N) (mlp) (Entered: 02/11/2000)