

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:97-cv-02869-RMU**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. DOJ
Assigned to: Judge Ricardo M. Urbina
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Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

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Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/26/1997	16	NOTICE OF FILING by federal defendant DOJ: regarding the Court's ORder dated 3/19/98 (lpp) (Entered: 03/27/1998)
11/28/1997		RECEIPT and acknowledgment of transfer documents by USDC for Southern District of Florida at on 11/28/97. Other Court Case No.: 97 2422. attachments (bjsp) (Entered: 12/04/1997)

11/28/1997		SUMMONS NOT ISSUED. (bjsp) (Entered: 12/04/1997)
12/05/1997	1	NOTICE OF FILING by federal defendant DOJ to the COurt RE: notice of related case in this above action transfered from the District Court for the Southern District of Florida ; exhibits 4 (bjsp) (Entered: 12/08/1997)
12/09/1997		CASE REASSIGNED from Judge Oberdorfer to Judge Royce C. Lamberth (bjsp) (Entered: 12/10/1997)
12/16/1997		CASE REASSIGNED from Judge Royce C. Lamberth to Judge Ricardo M. Urbina by direction of the Calendar Committee (st) (Entered: 12/17/1997)
12/22/1997	2	RESPONSE by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. to to defendant's notice of related case filing [1-1] by DOJ ; exhibits 2 (bjsp) (Entered: 12/23/1997)
12/23/1997	3	ATTORNEY APPEARANCE for plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. by Donald Ronald Bustion II, Paul J. Orfanedes (st) (Entered: 12/24/1997)
01/09/1998		SCHEDULING NOTICE: status hearing set for 10:00 1/29/98 ; before Judge Ricardo M. Urbina Courtroom # 12, Fourth Floor. (jwd) (Entered: 01/09/1998)
01/28/1998	4	JOINT MEET AND CONFER STATEMENT/REPORT PURSUANT TO L.R. 206(d) filed by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC., federal defendant DOJ . (bjsp) (Entered: 01/29/1998)
01/28/1998	5	MOTION filed by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. to the Calendar Committee to reconsider reassignment of this matter to the Hon. Ricardo M. Urbina ; exhibits 2 (bjsp) (Entered: 01/29/1998)
01/29/1998		STATUS HEARING before Judge Ricardo M. Urbina : status hearing set for 9:30 3/9/98 ; defendant motion to stay due 2/9/98 ; response to motion due 2/19/98 ; reply to motion due 2/24/98 ; Reporter: William D. McAllister (jwd) Modified on 01/29/1998 (Entered: 01/29/1998)
01/30/1998	6	ORDER by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina : extending time until 2/2/98, for defendant to file a response to the plaintiff's Motion to Calendar Committee to Reconsider Reassignment of this Matter to the Honorable Ricardo M. Urbina; status hearing set for 9:30 3/9/98 ; motion due 2/9/98 ; response to motion due 2/19/98 ; reply to motion due 2/24/98 ; (N) (jwd) (Entered: 02/02/1998)
02/02/1998	7	RESPONSE by federal defendant DOJ in opposition to motion to the Calendar Committee to reconsider reassignment of this matter to the Hon. Ricardo M. Urbina [5-1] by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. . ; exhibits 1 (bjsp) (Entered: 02/03/1998)
02/09/1998	8	TRANSCRIPT filed for date(s) of 1/29/98. Reporter: William D. McAllister (bjsp) (Entered: 02/09/1998)
02/09/1998	9	MOTION filed by federal defendant DOJ to stay proceedings until plaintiff pays defendant the "costs of the previously- dismissed action" (st) (Entered: 02/10/1998)
02/12/1998	10	REPLY by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. to defendants opposition to motion to the Calendar Committee to reconsider reassignment of this matter to the Hon. Ricardo M. Urbina [5-1] by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. ; exhibits 4 (bjsp) (Entered: 02/13/1998)

02/19/1998	11	RESPONSE by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. in opposition to motion to stay proceedings until plaintiff pays defendant the "costs of the previously- dismissed action" [9-1] by DOJ . ; exhibits 6 (bjsp) (Entered: 02/20/1998)
02/24/1998	12	REPLY MEMORANDUM by federal defendant DOJ in support of their motion to stay proceedings until plaintiff pays defendant the "costs of the previously- dismissed action" [9-1] by DOJ (bjsp) (Entered: 02/25/1998)
03/05/1998	13	MOTION filed by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. for a Court's order to reschedule status conference which is currently set for 3/9/98 at 9:30 a.m. (bjsp) (Entered: 03/06/1998)
03/06/1998	14	ORDER by Judge Thomas P. Jackson : denying motion to the Calendar Committee to reconsider reassignment of this matter to the Hon. Ricardo M. Urbina [5-1] by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (N) (lin) (Entered: 03/10/1998)
03/20/1998	15	ORDER by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina : denying motion to stay proceedings until plaintiff pays defendant the "costs of the previously dismissed action" [9-1] by DOJ he defendant has until 4/8/98 to file its motion consistent with Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force. Subsequent responsive pleadings shall be filed consistent with Local Rule 108; plaintiff has until 3/30/98, to file its motion regarding the issue of fee waivers; defendant has until 4/8/98, to file a response; , and the defendant to provide the plaintiff, with a copy to the court, an index consistent with Vaughn v. Rosen, on or before 5/22/98. (N) (blj) (Entered: 03/20/1998)
03/20/1998		STATUS HEARING before Judge Ricardo M. Urbina : motion to stay of these proceedings was denied; order to issued setting forth other instructions. Reporter: William McAllister (blj) (Entered: 03/20/1998)
03/30/1998	17	MEMORANDUM by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. in support of their request for a fee waiver ; exhibits (5) (bjsp) (Entered: 03/31/1998)
04/08/1998	18	RESPONSE by federal defendant DOJ in opposition to plaintiff's request for a blanket fee waiver ; exhibits (20) (bjsp) (Entered: 04/09/1998)
04/09/1998	19	MOTION filed by federal defendant DOJ for a Court's order granting partial stay of proceedings ; exhibits (5) (bjsp) (Entered: 04/10/1998)
04/22/1998	20	RESPONSE by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. in opposition to motion for a Court's order granting partial stay of proceedings [19-1] by DOJ . (bjsp) (Entered: 04/23/1998)
05/04/1998	21	REPLY MEMORANDUM by federal defendant DOJ in support of their motion for Court's order granting partial stay of proceedings [19-1] by DOJ (bjsp) (Entered: 05/05/1998)
05/05/1998	22	MOTION (UNOPPOSED) filed by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. to extend time within which to file a reply to defendant's opposition to plaintiff's request for a blanket fee waiver ; exhibits (3) (bjsp) (Entered: 05/06/1998)

05/11/1998	23	ORDER by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina : granting motion to extend time within which to file a reply to defendant's opposition to plaintiff's request for a blanket fee waiver [22-1] by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. reply to motion(s) due by 5/11/98 ; (N) (blj) (Entered: 05/11/1998)
05/11/1998	24	REPLY by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. to defendant's opposition to memorandum in support plaintiff's request for a blanket fee waiver [17-1] by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (bjsp) (Entered: 05/12/1998)
05/20/1998	25	NOTICE OF FILING by federal defendant DOJ to the Court RE: pursuant to the Court's 3/19/98 order, that defendant's file a index consistent with Vaughn V Rosen and other supporting paperwork. ; exhibits (2) (bjsp) (Entered: 05/21/1998)
08/25/1998	26	MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina: granting Plaintiff's Motion for Fee Waiver; granting Motion for a Court's order granting partial stay of proceedings [19-1] by FBI pareties to submit a joint status report on 9/4/98; status hearing set for 10:30 9/10/98 ; (N) (N) (jwd) (Entered: 08/25/1998)
08/31/1998	27	MOTION filed by federal defendant DOJ to reschedule status hearing. (tw) Modified on 05/25/1999 (Entered: 09/01/1998)
09/03/1998	28	ORDER by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina : status hearing set for 9:15 10/6/98 ; (N) (jwd) (Entered: 09/03/1998)
09/04/1998	29	STATUS REPORT by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC., federal defendant DOJ (lpp) (Entered: 09/08/1998)
09/10/1998	30	MOTION filed by federal defendant DOJ for clarification , or, in the alternative for reconsideration of order pareties to submit a joint status report on 9/4/98; status hearing set for 10:30 9/10/98 ; [26-1], order [26-2] ; Exhibits (4). (lkn) (Entered: 09/11/1998)
09/25/1998	31	MOTION (UNOPPOSED) filed by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. to extend time to 10/2/98 to file opposition to defendants' motion to clarify, or, in the alternative, for reconsideration (JMF) (Entered: 09/28/1998)
10/01/1998	32	RESPONSE by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. in opposition to motion for clarification [30-1] by DOJ, motion for reconsideration of order pareties to submit a joint status report on 9/4/98; status hearing set for 10:30 9/10/98 ; [26-1], order [26-2] [30-2] by DOJ; Exhibit (1). (lkn) (Entered: 10/02/1998)
10/02/1998	33	ORDER by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina : granting motion to extend time to 10/2/98 to file opposition to defendants' motion to clarify, or, in the alternative, for reconsideration [31-1] by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. response to motion(s) due by 10/2/98 ; (N) (lpp) (Entered: 10/02/1998)
10/13/1998	34	ORDER by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina : granting in part, as it relates to constituent correspondence described in 4 and copies of the plaintiff's own pleadings contained in the defendant's files and denying in part the motion for reconsideration of order pareties to submit a joint status report on 9/4/98; status hearing set for 10:30 9/10/98 ; [26-1], order [26-2] [30-2] (N) (lpp) Modified on 05/25/1999 (Entered: 10/13/1998)

11/06/1998		SCHEDULING NOTICE: status hearing set for 9:30 1/14/99 ; before Judge Ricardo M. Urbina Courtroom # 12, Fourth Floor. (jwd) (Entered: 11/06/1998)
01/14/1999	35	ORDER by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina : status hearing set for 9:15 3/15/99 Courtroom # 12, Fourth Floor (N) (jwd) (Entered: 01/14/1999)
02/17/1999	36	STATUS REPORT by federal defendant DOJ pursuant to Order of January 14, 1999. (lkn) (Entered: 02/18/1999)
03/15/1999		STATUS HEARING before Judge Ricardo M. Urbina : parties are to meet face to face on 5/17/99 to discuss certain issues and file a submission with the court 5/27/99; status hearing set for 9:45 6/10/99 ; Reporter: William D. McAllister (jwd) (Entered: 03/15/1999)
05/11/1999	37	ORDER by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina : vacating 6/10/99 status hearing and rescheduling status hearing for 10:15 6/28/99 (N) (jwd) (Entered: 05/11/1999)
05/27/1999	38	MOTION filed by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. to extend time to 6/8/99 to file written submissions RE: document production issues , or, in the alternative for order directing defendant to produce Vaughn Indexes ; exhibits (3) (bjsp) Modified on 06/03/1999 (Entered: 05/28/1999)
06/02/1999	39	RESPONSE by federal defendant DOJ in opposition to motion for order directing defendant to produce Vaughn Indexes [38-2] by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. . (tb) (Entered: 06/03/1999)
06/03/1999	40	ORDER by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina : granting motion to extend time to 6/8/99 to file written submissions RE: document production issues [38-1] by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC., granting motion for order directing defendant to produce Vaughn Indexes [38-2] by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.; defendant given until 6/15/99, to provide either an index consistend with Vaughn v. Rosen, 484 Fs2d 820 (D.C. Cir1973), or a declaration consistent with Church of Scientology v. IRS, 792 F.2d 146 (D.C. Cir. 1986), for each document which defendant has withheld which is responsive to Plaintiff's request under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552 et seq. (N) (jwd) (Entered: 06/03/1999)
06/08/1999	41	MOTION filed by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. to extend time to 6/15/99 to file submissions regarding docment production (tth) (Entered: 06/09/1999)
06/15/1999	42	MEMORANDUM by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. RE: Court ordered written submission regarding document production issues ; exhibits (3) (bjsp) (Entered: 06/16/1999)
06/16/1999	43	RESPONSE by federal defendant DOJ to order [40-1]; Exhibits (2). (tth) (Entered: 06/17/1999)
06/28/1999		STATUS HEARING before Judge Ricardo M. Urbina: dispositive motions due 8/27/99; oppositions to dispositive motions due 9/27/99; replies to oppositions to dispositive motions due 10/12/99 Reporter: William D. McAllister (jwd) Modified on 06/28/1999 (Entered: 06/28/1999)

06/29/1999	44	SCHEDULING ORDER by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina defendant's motion for partial summary judgment due 8/27/99; plaintiff's response to motion for partial summary judgment due 9/27/99; defendant's reply motion for partial summary judgment due 10/12/99; status conference set for 10:00 11/1/99 (N) (bm) (Entered: 06/29/1999)
08/27/1999	45	MOTION filed by federal defendant DOJ for partial summary judgment exhibits (bulky) (st) (Entered: 08/30/1999)
09/21/1999	46	MOTION (UNOPPOSED) filed by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. to extend time to 10/4/99 to file opposition to defendant's motion for partial summary judgment (bjsp) (Entered: 09/22/1999)
09/24/1999	47	ORDER by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina : granting motion to extend time to 10/4/99 to file opposition to defendant's motion for partial summary judgment [46-1] by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. response to dispositive motions due by 10/4/99 ; reply to dispositive motions due by 10/19/99 ; status hearing reset from 11/1/99 to 10:00 12/14/99 (N) (jwd) (Entered: 09/27/1999)
10/04/1999	48	RESPONSE by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. in opposition to defendant's motion for partial summary judgment [45-1]; attachments (8) (tw) (Entered: 10/05/1999)
10/19/1999	49	REPLY by federal defendant DOJ to plaintiff's opposition to motion for partial summary judgment [45-1] by DOJ ; exhibits (2) (bjsp) (Entered: 10/21/1999)
10/29/1999	50	ORDER by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina: granting in part, denying in part motion for partial summary judgment [45-1] (N) (jwd) (Entered: 11/01/1999)
12/13/1999	51	ORDER by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina: vacating status hearing scheduled for 12/14/99. (N) (jwd) (Entered: 12/13/1999)
02/22/2000	52	MEMORANDUM OPINION by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina granting im part and denying part the defendant's motion for partial summary judgment. (N) (jwd) (Entered: 02/22/2000)
03/07/2000	53	MOTION filed by federal defendant DOJ for reconsideration of the Court's order denying motion for partial summary judgment [50-1] ; exhibit (1) (bjsp) (Entered: 03/08/2000)
06/08/2000	54	MOTION filed by federal defendant DOJ to extend time to 6/22/00 of the stay previously granted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation ; exhibit (1) (tw) (Entered: 06/09/2000)
06/09/2000	55	ORDER by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina : granting motion to extend time to 7/1/00 of the stay previously granted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation [54-1] by DOJ; defendant is further ordered to report on the status of those files that cannot be located by 7/1/00; directing that this matter shall be administratively closed until September 1, 2000, when it shall be automatically restored to the court's active docket. (N) (jwd) Modified on 06/09/2000 (Entered: 06/09/2000)
07/05/2000	56	STATUS REPORT by federal defendant DOJ; "Let this be filed" J. URBINA (tb) (Entered: 07/06/2000)

07/27/2000	57	MOTION (unopposed) filed by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. for leave to file response to defendant's motion for reconsideration out of time ; EXHIBIT (Response) (td) (Entered: 07/31/2000)
07/28/2000	58	ORDER by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina : granting motion for leave to file response to defendant's motion for reconsideration out of time [57-1] by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (N) (td) (Entered: 07/31/2000)
07/28/2000	59	RESPONSE by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. to defendant's motion for reconsideration of the Court's February 22, 2000 order [53-1]. (td) (Entered: 07/31/2000)
08/17/2000	60	MEMORANDUM OPINION by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina (N) (clv) (Entered: 08/17/2000)
08/17/2000	61	ORDER by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina : denying without prejudice the motion for partial reconsideration of the Court's order denying motion for partial summary judgment [50-1] [53-1] by DOJ; defendant is directed to submit documents at issue for in camera review; following in camera review the Court will reinstate and rule upon the defendant's motion for partial reconsideration; (N) (clv) (Entered: 08/17/2000)
08/23/2000	62	NOTICE OF FILING RE: documents under seal for in camera review by federal defendant DOJ; (FILED UNDER SEAL) (tb) (Entered: 08/28/2000)
09/29/2000	63	MOTION (UNOPPOSED) filed by federal defendant DOJ to extend time to file an updated status report until 10/13/00 (jdm) (Entered: 10/02/2000)
09/29/2000	64	ATTORNEY APPEARANCE for federal defendant DOJ by Gillian Flory (td) (Entered: 10/02/2000)
09/29/2000	65	ORDER by Judge Ricardo M. Urbina : granting motion to extend time to file an updated status report until 10/13/00 [63-1] by DOJ (N) (jwd) (Entered: 10/03/2000)
10/12/2000	66	STATUS REPORT (second) by federal defendant DOJ; attachments (2) (td) (Entered: 10/14/2000)
01/12/2001	67	STATUS REPORT (THIRD) by federal defendant DOJ; exhibits (1) (aet) (Entered: 01/17/2001)
04/19/2001	68	STATUS REPORT (FOURTH) by federal defendant DOJ (aet) (Entered: 04/23/2001)
07/20/2001	69	STATUS REPORT (FIFTH) by federal defendant DOJ; declarations (1), exhibits (1) (cdw) (Entered: 07/24/2001)
10/19/2001	70	STATUS REPORT (SIXTH) by federal defendant DOJ; declaration (1); exhibit (1) (tb) (Entered: 10/23/2001)