

**U.S. District Court  
 District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
 CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20-cv-01792-CRC**

RYO v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY et al  
 Assigned to: Judge Christopher R. Cooper  
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/01/2020  
 Date Terminated: 06/22/2021  
 Jury Demand: None  
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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| Date Filed | #        | Docket Text  |
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| 07/01/2020 | <u>1</u> | COMPLAINT against U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-7290914) filed by Emily Ryo. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E, # <u>6</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>7</u> Summons as to U.S. Attorney, # <u>8</u> Summons as to U.S. Attorney General, # <u>9</u> Summons as to Department of Homeland Security, # <u>10</u> Summons as to U.S. Citizenship and |

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|            |           | Immigration Services)(Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 07/01/2020)   |
| 07/02/2020 |           | Case Assigned to Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (adh, ) (Entered: 07/02/2020)   |
| 07/02/2020 | <u>2</u>  | SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 07/02/2020)   |
| 07/13/2020 | <u>3</u>  | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES served on 7/9/2020; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 7/9/2020, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/10/2020. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/9/2020.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 7/10/2020. (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 07/13/2020) |
| 07/22/2020 | <u>4</u>  | NOTICE of Appearance by Benton Gregory Peterson on behalf of U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 07/22/2020)   |
| 08/10/2020 | <u>5</u>  | ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.(Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 08/10/2020)   |
| 08/11/2020 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by August 25, 2020. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/11/20. (lccrc1) (Entered: 08/11/2020)  |
| 08/11/2020 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 8/25/2020 (lsj) (Entered: 08/11/2020)  |
| 08/25/2020 | <u>6</u>  | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 08/25/2020)  |
| 08/26/2020 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>6</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a Joint Status Report on or before September 30, 2020. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/26/2020. (lccrc1) Modified on 8/26/2020 (lsj). (Entered: 08/26/2020)   |
| 08/26/2020 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/30/2020 (lsj) (Entered: 08/26/2020)   |
| 09/21/2020 | <u>7</u>  | NOTICE of Appearance by Sara Kaiser Creighton on behalf of EMILY RYO (Creighton, Sara) (Entered: 09/21/2020)  |
| 09/30/2020 | <u>8</u>  | Joint STATUS REPORT by EMILY RYO. (Creighton, Sara) (Entered: 09/30/2020)   |
| 10/01/2020 |           | MINUTE ORDER: In light of <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by October 30, 2020. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 10/1/2020. (lccrc1) (Entered: 10/01/2020)  |
| 10/30/2020 | <u>9</u>  | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 10/30/2020)  |
| 11/02/2020 |           | MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by November 30, 2020. That Report shall identify any disputes remaining over the agency's searches and withholdings, as well as generally describe any supplemental searches that the agency has undertaken. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 11/2/2020. (lccrc1) (Entered: 11/02/2020)   |
| 11/30/2020 | <u>10</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by EMILY RYO. (Creighton, Sara) (Entered: 11/30/2020)   |

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| 12/01/2020 |           | MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by January 14, 2021. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 12/1/2020. (lccrc1) (Entered: 12/01/2020)  |
| 12/02/2020 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/14/2021 (lsj) (Entered: 12/02/2020)  |
| 01/14/2021 | <u>11</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by EMILY RYO. (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 01/14/2021)   |
| 01/15/2021 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The parties shall appear by video for a status conference on January 21, 2021, at 2 PM. Instructions for videoconference access will be communicated to the parties separately. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 1/15/2021. (lccrc1) (Entered: 01/15/2021) |
| 01/15/2021 |           | Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference set for 1/21/2021 at 2:00 PM by VTC before Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (lsj) (Entered: 01/15/2021)  |
| 01/20/2021 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Due to a scheduling conflict, the Status Conference set for 1/21/2021 is vacated and reset for 1/28/2021 at 11:30 AM by VTC before Judge Christopher R. Cooper. SO ORDERED by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 1/20/21. (lsj) (Entered: 01/20/2021)                  |
| 01/28/2021 |           | Minute Entry for via Status Conference held before Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 1/28/2021. Forthcoming Order. (Court Reporter: Lisa Moreira) (lsj) (Entered: 01/28/2021)   |
| 01/29/2021 |           | MINUTE ORDER: As discussed at the status on January 28, 2021, the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before March 30, 2021. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 1/29/2021. (lccrc1) (Entered: 01/29/2021)   |
| 03/30/2021 | <u>12</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by EMILY RYO. (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 03/30/2021)   |
| 03/31/2021 |           | MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further joint status report by June 1, 2021. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 3/31/2021. (lccrc1) (Entered: 03/31/2021)  |
| 05/27/2021 | <u>13</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 05/27/2021)   |
| 06/03/2021 |           | MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further status report by July 28, 2021. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 6/3/2021. (lccrc1) (Entered: 06/03/2021)  |
| 06/22/2021 | <u>14</u> | STIPULATION of Dismissal by EMILY RYO. (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 06/22/2021)  |
| 06/28/2021 |           | MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>14</u> Joint Stipulation of Dismissal, this case is hereby DISMISSED. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 6/28/2021. (lccrc1) (Entered: 06/28/2021)  |