

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-03563-JDB**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Date Filed: 11/26/2019  
Assigned to: Judge John D. Bates Jury Demand: None  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
11/26/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-6596650) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Department of State)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 11/26/2019)
11/26/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 11/26/2019)
11/27/2019		Case Assigned to Judge John D. Bates. (zrdj) (Entered: 11/27/2019)

11/27/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zrdj) (Entered: 11/27/2019)
12/11/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 12/9/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 1/8/2020.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 12/09/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 12/9/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 12/11/2019)
01/08/2020	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Liam Holland on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 01/08/2020)
01/08/2020	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Holland, Liam) (Entered: 01/08/2020)
01/08/2020	<u>7</u>	ORDER directing parties to confer and to submit a proposed briefing schedule for the filing of dispositive motions by not later than February 5, 2020. See text of Order for details. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 1/8/2020. (lcjdb3) (Entered: 01/08/2020)
01/09/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 2/5/2020. (tb) (Entered: 01/09/2020)
01/16/2020	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Eric William Payne Lee on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Lee, Eric) (Entered: 01/16/2020)
02/04/2020	<u>9</u>	PROPOSED BRIEFING SCHEDULE by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Holland, Liam) (Entered: 02/04/2020)
02/05/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>9</u> the parties' joint proposed schedule, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report by not later than March 13, 2020 that updates the Court on the status of defendant's searches for responsive records and proposes a processing schedule. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 2/5/2020. (lcjdb3) (Entered: 02/05/2020)
02/05/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/13/2020. (tb) (Entered: 02/05/2020)
03/12/2020	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Holland, Liam) (Entered: 03/12/2020)
03/13/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>10</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by not later than May 13, 2020 that identifies the number of potentially responsive documents, the agreed upon rate of production, and the estimated date upon which production will be complete; and it is further ORDERED that the United States Department of State shall make an initial production on April 22, 2020 and monthly rolling productions on the 22nd of each month thereafter. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 3/13/2020. (lcjdb3) (Entered: 03/13/2020)
04/01/2020	<u>11</u>	Consent MOTION to Stay <i>Deadlines in Light of the COVID-19 Pandemic's Effect on Federal Government Operations</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Eric F. Stein, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Holland, Liam) (Entered: 04/01/2020)
04/02/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>11</u> the government's consent motion to stay deadlines in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED; it is further ORDERED that processing and production deadlines are STAYED; it is further ORDERED that the parties' filing deadline for a joint status report is STAYED; and it is further ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report by not later than May 31, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 4/2/2020. (lcjdb3) (Entered: 04/02/2020)

04/02/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/31/2020. (tb) (Entered: 04/02/2020)
05/29/2020	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Holland, Liam) (Entered: 05/29/2020)
07/01/2020	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Holland, Liam) (Entered: 07/01/2020)
07/27/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>13</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by not later than August 12, 2020, providing an update on the status of the case in light of the ongoing adverse impact of COVID-19 on State's operations and proposing a schedule for further proceedings. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 7/27/2020. (lcjdb3) (Entered: 07/27/2020)
07/27/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/12/2020. (tb) (Entered: 07/27/2020)
08/12/2020	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 08/12/2020)
08/12/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>14</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report by not later than October 9, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 08/12/2020. (lcjdb3) (Entered: 08/12/2020)
08/12/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/9/2020. (tb) (Entered: 08/12/2020)
10/09/2020	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 10/09/2020)
10/09/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>15</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report by not later than December 4, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 10/09/2020. (lcjdb3) (Entered: 10/09/2020)
10/13/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/4/2020. (tb) (Entered: 10/13/2020)
12/04/2020	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 12/04/2020)
12/09/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>16</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report by not later than February 2, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 12/9/2020. (lcjdb3) (Entered: 12/09/2020)
12/10/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/2/2021. (tb) (Entered: 12/10/2020)
02/02/2021	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 02/02/2021)
02/02/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>17</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report by not later than April 5, 2021. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 2/2/2021. (lcjdb3) (Entered: 02/02/2021)
02/03/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/5/2021. (tb) (Entered: 02/03/2021)
04/05/2021	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 04/05/2021)
04/07/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>18</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report by not later than June 4, 2021. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 4/7/2021. (lcjdb3) (Entered: 04/07/2021)
04/09/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/4/2021. (tb) (Entered: 04/09/2021)
06/04/2021	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 06/04/2021)

06/04/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>19</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report by not later than August 6, 2021. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 6/4/2021. (lcjdb3) (Entered: 06/04/2021)
06/06/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/6/2021. (tb) (Entered: 06/06/2021)
08/06/2021	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 08/06/2021)
08/12/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>20</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report by not later than October 5, 2021. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 8/12/2021. (lcjdb3). (Entered: 08/12/2021)
08/12/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/5/2021. (zjth) (Entered: 08/12/2021)