

**U.S. District Court
 District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
 CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20-cv-01983-RBW**

WILLKIE FARR & GALLAGHER LLP et al v. UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND J6-RDF (FOIA)
 Assigned to: Judge Reggie B. Walton
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/21/2020
 Date Terminated: 08/16/2021
 Jury Demand: None
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/21/2020	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND J6-RDF (FOIA) (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-7367945) filed by WILLKIE FARR & GALLAGHER LLP, SPARACINO PLLC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> EXHIBIT 1 - FOIA Request, # <u>4</u> EXHIBIT 2 - FOIA Request, # <u>5</u> EXHIBIT 3 - FOIA Request, # <u>6</u> EXHIBIT 4 - Closure Letter, # <u>7</u> EXHIBIT 5 - Additional Requests)(Gottlieb, Michael) (Entered: 07/21/2020)
07/21/2020	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by WILLKIE FARR & GALLAGHER LLP (Gottlieb, Michael) (Entered: 07/21/2020)

07/22/2020		Case Assigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton. (adh,) (Entered: 07/22/2020)
07/23/2020	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND J6-RDF (FOIA). (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh,) (Entered: 07/23/2020)
07/28/2020	<u>4</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by WILLKIE FARR & GALLAGHER LLP, SPARACINO PLLC. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by WILLKIE FARR & GALLAGHER LLP, SPARACINO PLLC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons)(Gottlieb, Michael) (Entered: 07/28/2020)
07/29/2020	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (2) Issued Electronically as to U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (zttt) (Entered: 07/29/2020)
08/19/2020	<u>6</u>	GENERAL ORDER FOR CIVIL CASES BEFORE THE HONORABLE REGGIE B. WALTON. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on August 19, 2020. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 08/19/2020)
08/21/2020	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General August 7, 2020. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Proof of Service U.S. Attorney General)(Gottlieb, Michael) (Entered: 08/21/2020)
08/21/2020	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND J6-RDF (FOIA) served on 7/29/2020 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Proof of Service U.S. Central Command J6-RDF (FOIA))(Gottlieb, Michael) (Entered: 08/21/2020)
09/08/2020	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND J6-RDF (FOIA).(Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 09/08/2020)
09/08/2020		MINUTE ORDER. To ensure the expeditious resolution of this action, and because this qualifies as an exempted case under Local Civil Rule 16.3(b), it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before September 22, 2020, the parties shall file a joint proposed schedule governing further proceedings. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on September 8, 2020. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 09/08/2020)
09/08/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/22/2020 (hs) (Entered: 09/08/2020)
09/10/2020	<u>10</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Brenda A. Gonzalez on behalf of UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND J6-RDF (FOIA) Substituting for attorney Jeremy S. Simon (Gonzalez, Brenda) (Entered: 09/10/2020)
09/22/2020	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND J6-RDF (FOIA). (Gonzalez, Brenda) (Entered: 09/22/2020)
09/24/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before October 22, 2020, addressing, inter alia, whether this case can be consolidated with Civ. Action No. 20-2559 and whether the plaintiffs seek to use the requested records in Civ. Action No. 16-2193, a matter currently pending before another member of this Court. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on September 24, 2020. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 09/24/2020)
09/24/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/22/2020 (hs) (Entered: 09/24/2020)
09/29/2020	<u>12</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND J6-RDF (FOIA) filed by WILLKIE FARR & GALLAGHER LLP, SPARACINO PLLC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> REDLINE COMPLAINT, # <u>2</u> Ex. 1 - March 2019 FOIA Requests (Redacted), # <u>3</u> Ex. 2 - 2019.3.11 CENTCOM FOIA Acknowledgment, # <u>4</u> Ex. 3 - Additional Requests (Redacted), # <u>5</u> Ex. 4 - July 2020 FOIA Request)(Gottlieb, Michael) (Entered: 09/29/2020)
10/08/2020	<u>13</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Response to Plaintiff's Complaint</i> by UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND J6-RDF (FOIA) (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 10/08/2020)
10/13/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the defendant's <u>13</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion

		is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that, on or before November 12, 2020, the defendant shall file its answer or otherwise respond to the plaintiffs' Complaint. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on October 13, 2020. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 10/13/2020)
10/13/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer to the complaint due by 11/12/2020, (hs) (Entered: 10/13/2020)
10/22/2020	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by WILLKIE FARR & GALLAGHER LLP. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Gottlieb, Michael) (Entered: 10/22/2020)
10/30/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before December 11, 2020, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on October 30, 2020. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 10/30/2020)
10/30/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/11/2020 (hs) (Entered: 10/30/2020)
11/12/2020	<u>15</u>	ANSWER to <u>12</u> Amended Complaint, by UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND J6-RDF (FOIA).(Gonzalez-Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 11/12/2020)
12/11/2020	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND J6-RDF (FOIA). (Gonzalez-Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 12/11/2020)
12/21/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before February 11, 2021, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on December 21, 2020. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 12/21/2020)
12/22/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/11/2021 (hs) (Entered: 12/22/2020)
02/11/2021	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by SPARACINO PLLC, WILLKIE FARR & GALLAGHER LLP. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Gottlieb, Michael) (Entered: 02/11/2021)
02/11/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before April 12, 2021, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on February 11, 2021. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 02/11/2021)
02/12/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/12/2021 (hs) (Entered: 02/12/2021)
04/12/2021	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND J6-RDF (FOIA). (Gonzalez-Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 04/12/2021)
04/14/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before May 12, 2021, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on April 14, 2021. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 04/14/2021)
04/15/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/12/2021 (hs) (Entered: 04/15/2021)
05/12/2021	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND J6-RDF (FOIA). (Gonzalez-Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 05/12/2021)
05/14/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before June 14, 2021, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on May 14, 2021. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 05/14/2021)
05/17/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/14/2021 (hs) (Entered: 05/17/2021)
06/14/2021	<u>20</u>	Joint MOTION to Stay by UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND J6-RDF (FOIA). (Gonzalez-Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 06/14/2021)
06/16/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>20</u> Joint Motion to Stay Proceedings, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is DENIED. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before July 28,

		2021, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on June 16, 2021. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 06/16/2021)
06/17/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/28/2021 (hs) (Entered: 06/17/2021)
07/28/2021	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND J6-RDF (FOIA). (Gonzalez-Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 07/28/2021)
07/29/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on August 19, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., the parties shall appear before the Court for a status conference, via teleconference, by calling 1-877-873-8017 and entering the Court's access code (8583213) followed by the pound key (#). Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 29, 2021. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 07/29/2021)
07/30/2021		Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference set for 8/19/2021 at 09:00 AM by Telephonic/VTC before Judge Reggie B. Walton. (hs) (Entered: 07/30/2021)
08/12/2021	<u>22</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by WILLKIE FARR & GALLAGHER LLP. (Gottlieb, Michael) (Entered: 08/12/2021)
08/16/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>22</u> Stipulation of Dismissal, it is hereby ORDERED that this case is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE. It is further ORDERED that this case is CLOSED. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on August 16, 2021. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 08/16/2021)