

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-01543-RDM**

LEOPOLD et al v. INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
 ADMINISTRATION et al  
 Assigned to: Judge Randolph D. Moss  
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/08/2021  
 Date Terminated: 08/24/2021  
 Jury Demand: None  
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
 Information Act  
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/08/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8510421) filed by JASON LEOPOLD, BUZZFEED INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Ex A-D, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/08/2021)
06/08/2021	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/08/2021)
06/08/2021	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/08/2021)

06/08/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Randolph D. Moss. (adh, ) (Entered: 06/08/2021)
06/08/2021	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 06/08/2021)
06/10/2021	<u>5</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives set forth in the attached Standing Order. See document for details. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 06/10/2021. (lcrdm1) (Entered: 06/10/2021)
06/21/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Due to the termination of a family trust, Judge Moss's spouse will soon receive a distribution including stock in Comcast Corporation, which has a significant interest in Buzzfeed, Inc. This stock will be sold promptly after it is received to avoid any conflict of interest in this case and any other case. <i>See</i> Advisory Opinion No. 69, Committee on Codes of Conduct, Judicial Conference of the United States ("[D]isqualification is not required if the judge (or the judge's spouse or minor child) divests the interest that provides the grounds for the disqualification." (quoting Canon 3C(4))). If any party to this action would like further information regarding the distribution and disposition of the stock or would like to discuss the matter with the Court, counsel are directed to jointly contact the Deputy Clerk to schedule a telephonic status conference. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 06/21/2021. (lcrdm1) (Entered: 06/21/2021)
07/21/2021	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE served on 6/21/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/21/2021)
07/21/2021	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION served on 6/30/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/21/2021)
07/21/2021	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/22/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/22/2021. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/21/2021)
07/21/2021	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 06/22/2021. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/21/2021)
07/22/2021	<u>10</u>	Counter MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer <i>or Otherwise Respond</i> by INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (Moustakas, John) (Entered: 07/22/2021)
07/28/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendants' consent motion to extend time to respond to Plaintiffs' complaint, Dkt. <u>10</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. Defendants shall file a responsive pleading to the complaint on or before August 23, 2021. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 07/28/2021. (lcrdm1) (Entered: 07/28/2021)
08/17/2021		MINUTE ORDER: As a follow up to the Court's Order of June 21, 2021, the shares in Comcast Corporation were transferred to Judge Moss's spouse from the trust account on July 27, 2021, and were promptly sold on July 28, 2021. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 08/17/2021. (lcrdm1) (Entered: 08/17/2021)
08/23/2021	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Voluntary Dismissal by BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 08/23/2021)
08/23/2021		MINUTE ORDER: In light of Plaintiffs' Notice of Voluntary Dismissal, Dkt. <u>11</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the case is DISMISSED without prejudice. The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate this case. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 08/23/2021. (lcrdm1) (Entered: 08/23/2021)