

U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20-cv-02547-CJN

BINNS v. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION et al
Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols
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Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/10/2020
Date Terminated: 02/08/2022
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/10/2020		Initiating Pleading & IFP Application Received on 09/10/2020. A copy of the docket sheet has been mailed to the address of record for the pro se party. (zsb) (Entered: 09/11/2020)
09/10/2020	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION filed by JOHN ERIN BINNS.(zsb) (Entered: 09/11/2020)
09/10/2020	<u>2</u>	MOTION for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis by JOHN ERIN BINNS (zsb) (Entered: 09/11/2020)
09/21/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff's motion <u>2</u> to proceed <i>in forma pauperis</i> is GRANTED. The Clerk of Court shall randomly assign this case to a District Judge for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 9/21/20.(psu1) (Entered: 09/21/2020)
09/21/2020	<u>3</u>	MOTION for CM/ECF Password by JOHN ERIN BINNS (zsb) (Entered: 09/24/2020)
09/24/2020		Case Reassigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. (zmd) (Entered: 09/24/2020)

10/01/2020	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on October 1, 2020. (lccjn3) (Entered: 10/01/2020)
10/05/2020		MINUTE ORDER. After review of <u>3</u> Plaintiff's Motion for a CM/ECF Password, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 10/5/20.(psu1) (Entered: 10/05/2020)
10/22/2020	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued as to DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General sent to the U.S. Marshals Service. (zsb) (Entered: 10/22/2020)
10/29/2020	<u>6</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against All Defendants filed by JOHN ERIN BINNS.(BINNS, JOHN) (Entered: 10/29/2020)
11/10/2020	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 11/5/2020, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 11/5/2020. (eg) (Entered: 11/12/2020)
11/25/2020	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION served on 11/23/2020, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/24/2020. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/24/2020.) (eg) (Entered: 12/01/2020)
12/23/2020	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to <u>6</u> Amended Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.(Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 12/23/2020)
01/04/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this Freedom of Information Act case are an <u>6</u> Amended Complaint and an <u>9</u> Answer. According to Local Civil Rule 16.3, the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) are inapplicable. It is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall confer and file a Joint Status Report by January 25, 2021 . The Joint Status Report shall address: (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); (5) the possibility of prioritizing documents responsive to Plaintiff's requests and any discussions regarding whether Plaintiff's requests can be narrowed; and (6) whether the Parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on January 4, 2021. (lccjn3) (Entered: 01/04/2021)
01/04/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/25/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 01/04/2021)
01/25/2021	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 01/25/2021)
01/27/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties file an additional Joint Status Report by March 24, 2021 . Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on January 27, 2021. (lccjn3) (Entered: 01/27/2021)
01/27/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/24/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 01/27/2021)
03/24/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 03/24/2021)
04/12/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties submit another Joint Status Report by May 10, 2021. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on April 12, 2021. (lccjn3) (Entered: 04/12/2021)
04/12/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/10/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 04/12/2021)
05/10/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 05/10/2021)

05/13/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, the Parties are hereby ORDERED to file another Joint Status Report by August 9, 2021 , and every 90 days thereafter. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on May 13, 2021. (lccjn3) (Entered: 05/13/2021)
05/13/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/9/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 05/13/2021)
05/19/2021	<u>13</u>	Consent MOTION to Bifurcate <i>Proceedings or, in the Alternative, for 44 Months to Complete Review</i> by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Michael G. Seidel, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Tilghman, Michael). Added MOTION for Extension of Time on 5/24/2021 (znmw). (Entered: 05/19/2021)
08/09/2021	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 08/09/2021)
08/10/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of Defendants' <u>13</u> Consent Motion, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. The government shall thus determine whether responsive records fall within 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A) by June 9, 2023 , without foreclosing its ability to assert other exemptions at a later date. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 10, 2021. (lccjn3) (Entered: 08/10/2021)
08/10/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: The government shall thus determine whether responsive records fall within 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A) by June 9, 2023, without foreclosing its ability to assert other exemptions at a later date. (zcal) (Entered: 08/19/2021)
11/08/2021	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 11/08/2021)
02/07/2022	<u>16</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal (<i>Joint</i>) by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 02/07/2022)