# **U.S. District Court** District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20-cv-01421-APM

PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, INC. v. U.S.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/28/2020 Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

### **Plaintiff**

PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, INC.

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/28/2020	1	COMPLAINT against US DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-7171322) filed by PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Summons State, # 3 Summons USAG, # 4 Summons USAO, # 5 Exhibit A, # 6 Exhibit B, # 7 Exhibit C, # 8 Exhibit D, # 9 Exhibit E, # 10 Exhibit F, # 11 Exhibit G, # 12 Exhibit H, # 13 Exhibit I, # 14 Exhibit J, # 15 Exhibit K, # 16 Exhibit L, # 17 Exhibit M, # 18 Exhibit N, # 19 Exhibit O, # 20 Exhibit P)(Nabatoff, Ross) (Entered: 05/28/2020)
05/29/2020		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (adh, ) (Entered: 05/29/2020)
05/29/2020	2	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to US DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # 1 Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 05/29/2020)

06/12/2020	<u>3</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/5/2020. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/5/2020. (Nabatoff, Ross) (Entered: 06/12/2020)
06/12/2020	4	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 6/5/20. (Nabatoff, Ross) (Entered: 06/12/2020)
06/20/2020	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Katherine Boyd Palmer–Ball on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 06/20/2020)
07/06/2020	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 07/06/2020)
07/06/2020	7	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before July 20, 2020. See attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 07/06/2020. (lcapm2) (Entered: 07/06/2020)
07/06/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/20/2020. (zjd) (Entered: 07/06/2020)
07/20/2020	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 07/20/2020)
07/21/2020		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by September 18, 2020, which updates the court on progress with respect to searching for and producing responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 07/21/2020. (lcapm2) (Entered: 07/21/2020)
07/21/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/18/2020. (zjd) (Entered: 07/21/2020)
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09/18/2020	2	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 09/18/2020)
09/21/2020		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by October 19, 2020, which updates the court on a schedule for processing and producing potentially responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 9/21/2020. (lcapm2) (Entered: 09/21/2020)
09/21/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/19/2020. (zjd) (Entered: 09/22/2020)
10/19/2020	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 10/19/2020)
10/20/2020		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by December 18, 2020, which updates the court on Defendant's processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/20/2020. (lcapm2) (Entered: 10/20/2020)
10/20/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/18/2020. (zjd) (Entered: 10/20/2020)
12/17/2020	11	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 12/17/2020)
12/17/2020		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by February 17, 2021, which updates the court on Defendant's processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/17/2020. (lcapm2) (Entered: 12/17/2020)
12/17/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/17/2021. (zjd) (Entered: 12/23/2020)
02/16/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 02/16/2021)

	MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by April 19, 2021, which updates the court on Defendant's processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 2/17/2021. (lcapm2) (Entered: 02/17/2021)
<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 04/19/2021)
	MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by June 18, 2021, which updates the court on Defendant's processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 4/19/2021. (lcapm2) (Entered: 04/19/2021)
<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 06/18/2021)
	MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by August 17, 2021, which updates the court on Defendant's processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 6/21/2021. (lcapm2) (Entered: 06/21/2021)
<u>15</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Blake Weiner on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Substituting for attorney Palmer–Ball (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 07/31/2021)
<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 08/16/2021)
	MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by October 18, 2021, which updates the court on Defendant's processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 08/16/2021. (lcapm2) (Entered: 08/16/2021)
	Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 10/18/2021 (zjch) (Entered: 08/17/2021)
<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 10/18/2021)
	MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by December 17, 2021, which advises whether any outstanding disputes remain and, if so, proposes a briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/19/2021. (lcapm2) (Entered: 10/19/2021)
<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 12/16/2021)
	MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by February 15, 2022, which advises whether any outstanding disputes remain and, if so, proposes a briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/17/2021. (lcapm2) (Entered: 12/17/2021)
<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 02/15/2022)
	MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by April 18, 2022, which advises whether any outstanding disputes remain and, if so, proposes a briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 2/15/2022. (lcapm2) (Entered: 02/15/2022)
<u>20</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, INC (Nabatoff, Ross) (Entered: 04/18/2022)
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