

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-02458-APM**

WP COMPANY LLC v. U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR
FORCE et al
Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta
Case: [1:21-cv-01025-APM](#)
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/20/2021
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/20/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8743325) filed by WP COMPANY LLC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 5, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 6, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 7, # <u>8</u> Exhibit 8, # <u>9</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>10</u> Related Case Form, # <u>11</u> Proposed Summons to US Dep't of the Air Force, # <u>12</u> Proposed Summons to US Dep't of the Navy, # <u>13</u> Proposed Summons to US Attorney's Office, # <u>14</u> Proposed Summons to US Attorney General)(Tobin, Charles) (Entered: 09/20/2021)
09/20/2021	<u>2</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE to <i>United States Attorney</i> re <u>1</u> Complaint,, filed by WP COMPANY LLC. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint,, filed by WP COMPANY LLC.(Tobin, Charles) (Entered: 09/20/2021)
09/20/2021	<u>3</u>	NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by WP COMPANY LLC. Case related to Case No. 21-cv-1025. (zsb) (Entered: 09/20/2021)
09/20/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zsb) (Entered: 09/20/2021)

09/20/2021	<u>4</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by WP COMPANY LLC (Tobin, Charles) (Entered: 09/20/2021)
09/21/2021	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh,); Modified text on 9/23/2021 (ztth). (Entered: 09/21/2021)
09/23/2021	<u>6</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to U.S. Attorney. (ztth); Modified text on 9/23/2021 (ztth). (Entered: 09/23/2021)
09/27/2021	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/23/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/23/2021. (Tobin, Charles) (Entered: 09/27/2021)
10/25/2021	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Paul Cirino on behalf of U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 10/25/2021)
10/25/2021	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.(Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 10/25/2021)
10/26/2021	<u>10</u>	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 November 8, 2021. The Joint Status Report shall include (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 a stay is likely under Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force, 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. See the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/26/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 10/26/2021)
11/08/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 11/08/2021)
11/09/2021		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by December 15, 2021, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 11/9/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 11/09/2021)
12/15/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 12/15/2021)
12/17/2021		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by January 31, 2022, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/17/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 12/17/2021)
01/31/2022	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 01/31/2022)
02/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by March 1, 2022, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 2/1/2022. (lcapm1) (Entered: 02/01/2022)
03/01/2022	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 03/01/2022)
03/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by April 8, 2022, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 3/1/2022. (lcapm1) (Entered: 03/01/2022)
04/08/2022	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by WP COMPANY LLC. (Tobin, Charles) (Entered: 04/08/2022)
04/08/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by May 8, 2022, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records.

		Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 4/8/2022. (lcapm1) (Entered: 04/08/2022)
04/08/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 5/8/2022 (zjch,) (Entered: 04/11/2022)
05/07/2022	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by WP COMPANY LLC. (Tobin, Charles) (Entered: 05/07/2022)
05/21/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by June 1, 2022, which advises the court on the status of the disputed transcript, as well as the overall production in response to The Washington Post's request for Foreign Government Employment application records concerning General Fraser, Colonel Ostrov, and General McNabb ("Air Force Request"). If disputes remain as to the Air Force Request, the parties shall propose a briefing schedule. The parties shall further advise on the status of the FOIA request for Navy records and when that production might be complete ("Navy Request"). Whether the court sets a summary judgment briefing schedule on the Air Force Request, if necessary, will depend on the expected date of completion of the Navy Request. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 5/21/2022. (lcapm1) (Entered: 05/21/2022)
06/01/2022	<u>17</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal <i>without prejudice</i> by WP COMPANY LLC. (Tobin, Charles) (Entered: 06/01/2022)