

**U.S. District Court
 District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
 CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-02574-CJN**

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN
 WASHINGTON v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE et al
 Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/04/2021
 Date Terminated: 08/26/2022
 Jury Demand: None
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
 Information Act
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

**CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY
 AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON**

represented by **Laura Adanna Iheanachor**
 CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND
 ETHICS IN WASHINGTON
 1331 F Street NW
 Suite 900
 Washington, DC 20004
 (202) 408-5565
 Fax: (202) 588-5020
 Email: liheanachor@citizensforethics.org
ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED

Nikhel Sus
 CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND
 ETHICS IN WASHINGTON
 1331 F St NW
 Suite 900
 Washington, DC 20004
 (202) 408-5565
 Fax: (202) 588-5020
 Email: nsus@citizensforethics.org
ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED

V.

Defendant

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

represented by **Amber Richer**
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 1100 L St NW
 Washington, DC 20005
 (202) 514-3489
 Email: amber.richer@usdoj.gov
LEAD ATTORNEY
ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED

Defendant

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
 SECURITY**

represented by **Amber Richer**
 (See above for address)
LEAD ATTORNEY
ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED

Defendant

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
 NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE**

represented by **Amber Richer**
 (See above for address)
LEAD ATTORNEY
ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED

Date Filed	#	Docket Text
------------	---	-------------

10/04/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8778259) filed by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Summons DHS, # <u>4</u> Summons ODNI, # <u>5</u> Summons US Attorney, # <u>6</u> Summons DOJ)(Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 10/04/2021)
10/04/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 10/04/2021)
10/06/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. (znmg) (Entered: 10/06/2021)
10/06/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (5) Issued Electronically as to All Defendants, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmg) (Entered: 10/06/2021)
10/06/2021	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on October 6, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 10/06/2021)
10/26/2021	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/18/2021. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/17/2021.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE served on 10/26/2021; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 10/15/2021; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 10/18/2021, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/18/21. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 10/26/2021)
11/17/2021	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Amber Richer on behalf of All Defendants (Richer, Amber) (Entered: 11/17/2021)
11/17/2021	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 11/17/2021)
11/18/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this Freedom of Information Act case are a Complaint and an 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 on or before December 17, 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 request[s] and any discussions regarding whether Plaintiff's request[s] 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 November 18, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 11/18/2021)
11/18/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/17/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 11/18/2021)
12/17/2021	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 12/17/2021)
12/22/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before February 4, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on December 22, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 12/22/2021)
12/22/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/4/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 12/22/2021)
02/04/2022	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF

		JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 02/04/2022)
02/08/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>2</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before March 18, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on February 8, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 02/08/2022)
02/08/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/18/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 02/08/2022)
03/18/2022	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 03/18/2022)
03/28/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before April 22, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on March 28, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 03/28/2022)
03/28/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/22/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 03/28/2022)
04/22/2022	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 04/22/2022)
04/28/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated status report on or before June 3, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on April 28, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 04/28/2022)
04/28/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/3/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 04/28/2022)
06/03/2022	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 06/03/2022)
06/06/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before June 30, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on June 6, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 06/06/2022)
06/07/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/30/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 06/07/2022)
06/30/2022	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 06/30/2022)
07/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before July 29, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on July 1, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 07/01/2022)
07/01/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/29/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 07/05/2022)
07/20/2022	<u>14</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Laura Adanma Iheanachor on behalf of CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON (Iheanachor, Laura) (Entered: 07/20/2022)
07/29/2022	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 07/29/2022)
08/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before August 24, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 1, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 08/01/2022)

08/01/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/24/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 08/02/2022)
08/23/2022	<u>16</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal <i>Joint Stipulation of Dismissal</i> by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Richer, Amber) (Entered: 08/23/2022)