

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20-cv-02569-TNM**

MOHARAM v. U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION et al

Assigned to: Judge Trevor N. McFadden

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/14/2020

Date Terminated: 12/16/2022

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/14/2020	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-7587945) filed by FAHMI AHMED MOHARAM. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F, # <u>7</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>8</u> Summons to FBI, # <u>9</u> Summons to Dept. of State, # <u>10</u> Summons to US Attorney General, # <u>11</u> Summons to DC US Attorney)(Litt, Robert) (Entered: 09/14/2020)
09/14/2020	<u>2</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE to U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation re <u>1</u> Complaint,, filed by FAHMI AHMED MOHARAM. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint,, filed by FAHMI AHMED MOHARAM. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons State Department, # <u>2</u> Summons US Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Summons DC US Attorney)(Litt, Robert) (Entered: 09/14/2020)

09/15/2020	<u>3</u>	ERRATA by FAHMI AHMED MOHARAM. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Corrected Complaint Caption)(Litt, Robert) (Entered: 09/15/2020)
09/15/2020		Case Assigned to Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (zsb) (Entered: 09/15/2020)
09/15/2020	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER Establishing Procedures for Cases Before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. The parties are hereby ORDERED to read and comply with the directives in the attached standing order. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 9/15/2020. (lctnm3) (Entered: 09/15/2020)
09/17/2020	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zmc) (Entered: 09/17/2020)
09/17/2020		SUMMONS Not Issued as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (zmc) (Entered: 09/17/2020)
09/17/2020	<u>6</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE to U.S. Department of Justice filed by FAHMI AHMED MOHARAM.(Litt, Robert) (Entered: 09/17/2020)
09/18/2020	<u>7</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (eg) (Entered: 09/18/2020)
10/19/2020	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Kathleene A. Molen on behalf of All Defendants (Molen, Kathleene) (Entered: 10/19/2020)
10/20/2020	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 10/1/2020 (Litt, Robert) (Entered: 10/20/2020)
10/20/2020	<u>10</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 9/28/2020 (Litt, Robert) (Entered: 10/20/2020)
10/20/2020	<u>11</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 9/28/20. (Litt, Robert) (Entered: 10/20/2020)
10/20/2020	<u>12</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION served on 9/28/2020 (Litt, Robert) (Entered: 10/20/2020)
10/20/2020	<u>13</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/21/2020. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/21/2020. (Litt, Robert) (Entered: 10/20/2020)
10/28/2020	<u>14</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2)(Molen, Kathleene) (Entered: 10/28/2020)
10/29/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court are a complaint and an answer in this FOIA case. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report proposing a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule should address, among other things, the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, and a briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if required. The parties shall file the schedule on or before November 20, 2020. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 10/29/2020. (lctnm3) (Entered: 10/29/2020)
10/30/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/20/2020. (hmc) (Entered: 10/30/2020)
11/19/2020	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Molen, Kathleene) (Entered: 11/19/2020)

11/19/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another Joint Status Report on or before December 17, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 11/19/2020. (lctnm3) (Entered: 11/19/2020)
11/19/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/17/2020. (hmc) (Entered: 11/19/2020)
12/11/2020	<u>16</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by Robert S. Litt (Litt, Robert) (Entered: 12/11/2020)
12/16/2020	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Molen, Kathleene) (Entered: 12/16/2020)
12/17/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another Joint Status Report on or before January 29, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 12/17/2020. (lctnm3) (Entered: 12/17/2020)
12/18/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/29/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 12/18/2020)
01/29/2021	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Molen, Kathleene) (Entered: 01/29/2021)
01/29/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another Joint Status Report on or before February 26, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 1/29/2021. (lctnm3) (Entered: 01/29/2021)
02/01/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/26/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 02/01/2021)
02/25/2021	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Molen, Kathleene) (Entered: 02/25/2021)
02/25/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another Joint Status Report on or before March 26, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 2/25/2021. (lctnm3) (Entered: 02/25/2021)
02/26/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/26/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 02/26/2021)
03/26/2021	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Molen, Kathleene) (Entered: 03/26/2021)
03/26/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another Joint Status Report on or before April 27, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 3/26/2021. (lctnm3) (Entered: 03/26/2021)
03/29/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/27/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 03/29/2021)
04/27/2021	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Molen, Kathleene) (Entered: 04/27/2021)
04/28/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another Joint Status Report on or before May 27, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 4/28/2021. (lctnm3) (Entered: 04/28/2021)
05/26/2021	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Molen, Kathleene) (Entered: 05/26/2021)

05/27/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>22</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another Joint Status Report on or before June 25, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 5/27/2021. (lctnm3) (Entered: 05/27/2021)
05/27/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/25/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 05/27/2021)
06/25/2021	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Molen, Kathleene) (Entered: 06/25/2021)
06/25/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>23</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another Joint Status Report on or before July 23, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 6/25/2021. (lctnm3) (Entered: 06/25/2021)
06/25/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/23/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 06/25/2021)
07/23/2021	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Molen, Kathleene) (Entered: 07/23/2021)
07/24/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>24</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another Joint Status Report on or before September 17, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 7/24/2021. (lctnm3) (Entered: 07/24/2021)
07/26/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/17/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 07/26/2021)
09/17/2021	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Molen, Kathleene) (Entered: 09/17/2021)
09/17/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>25</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another Joint Status Report on or before October 18, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 9/17/2021. (lctnm3) (Entered: 09/17/2021)
09/17/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/18/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 09/17/2021)
10/18/2021	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Molen, Kathleene) (Entered: 10/18/2021)
10/19/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>26</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another Joint Status Report on or before November 18, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 10/19/2021. (lctnm3) (Entered: 10/19/2021)
10/19/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/18/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 10/19/2021)
11/04/2021	<u>27</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Michael A. Tilghman, II on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Substituting for attorney Kathleene Molen (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 11/04/2021)
11/18/2021	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 11/18/2021)
11/18/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the Parties' <u>28</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before December 20, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 11/18/2021. (lctnm3) (Entered: 11/18/2021)

11/19/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/20/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 11/19/2021)
12/20/2021	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 12/20/2021)
12/20/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the Parties' <u>29</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties file another Joint Status Report on or before February 21, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 12/20/2021. (lctnm3) (Entered: 12/20/2021)
12/20/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/21/2022. (hmc) (Entered: 12/20/2021)
02/18/2022	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 02/18/2022)
02/18/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>30</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties file another joint status report on or before April 25, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 2/18/2022. (lctnm3) (Entered: 02/18/2022)
02/18/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/25/2022. (hmc) (Entered: 02/18/2022)
04/25/2022	<u>31</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Dedra Seibel Curteman on behalf of All Defendants (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 04/25/2022)
04/25/2022	<u>32</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 04/25/2022)
04/25/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>32</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties file another joint status report on or before June 27, 2022. The Parties shall appear for a telephonic status conference on July 1, 2022, at 2:00 pm. Dial-in information will be emailed to the parties. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 4/25/2022. (lctnm3) (Entered: 04/25/2022)
04/26/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 6/27/2022. Telephonic Status Conference set for 7/1/2022 at 02:00 PM before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (hmc) (Entered: 04/26/2022)
06/27/2022	<u>33</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 06/27/2022)
07/01/2022		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Trevor N. McFadden: Telephonic Status Conference held on 7/1/2022. Joint Status Report due by 9/16/2022, proposing a briefing schedule. (Court Reporter: Tammy Nestor.) (hmc) (Entered: 07/01/2022)
07/05/2022	<u>34</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. Attorney Dedra Seibel Curteman terminated. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 07/05/2022)
07/07/2022	<u>35</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Janie C. Buckley, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-9353973. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by FAHMI AHMED MOHARAM. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Janie C. Buckley, # <u>2</u> Certificate of Good Standing, # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Litt, Robert) (Entered: 07/07/2022)
07/07/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>35</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a). Click for instructions. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 7/7/22. (lctnm3) (Entered: 07/07/2022)

09/16/2022	<u>36</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FAHMI AHMED MOHARAM. (Litt, Robert) (Entered: 09/16/2022)
09/16/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the <u>36</u> Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS the parties to file another Joint Status Report on or before November 15, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 9/16/2022. (lctnm3) (Entered: 09/16/2022)
09/19/2022	<u>37</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Kenneth A. Adebonojo on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Substituting for attorney Michael A. Tilghman II (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 09/19/2022)
09/19/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/15/2022. (hmc) (Entered: 09/19/2022)
11/15/2022	<u>38</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FAHMI AHMED MOHARAM. (Litt, Robert) (Entered: 11/15/2022)
11/15/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the <u>38</u> Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS the parties to file another Joint Status Report on or before December 15, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 11/15/2022. (lctnm3) (Entered: 11/15/2022)
11/15/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/15/2022. (hmc) (Entered: 11/15/2022)
12/15/2022	<u>39</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal <i>without prejudice</i> by FAHMI AHMED MOHARAM. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 – Text of Proposed Order)(Litt, Robert) (Entered: 12/15/2022)
12/15/2022		MINUTE ORDER: After considering the <u>39</u> Stipulation of Dismissal, this case is hereby DISMISSED without prejudice. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(i). The Clerk of Court shall close this case. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 12/15/2022. (lctnm3) (Entered: 12/15/2022)