

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-00333-CKK**

AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE v. UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY et al
Assigned to: Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly
Case: 1:21-cv-00932-CKK
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/05/2021
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/05/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8169562) filed by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A to Complaint, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B to Complaint, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C to Complaint, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D to Complaint, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E to Complaint, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F to Complaint, # <u>7</u> Summons To US Attorney for DC, # <u>8</u> Summons To Def. NSA, # <u>9</u> Summons To Def. ODNI)(Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 02/05/2021)
02/05/2021	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Benjamin Paul Sisney on behalf of AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 02/05/2021)
02/05/2021	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 02/05/2021)
02/08/2021		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>1</u> Complaint; emailed to bsisney@aclj.org, cc'd -1 associated attorneys -- The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Incorrect coversheet. Please use the cover sheet at https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/new-case-forms & file using the event Civil Cover Sheet. (adh,) (Entered: 02/08/2021)
02/08/2021	<u>4</u>	CIVIL COVER SHEET by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE.(Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 02/08/2021)
02/08/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. (adh,) (Entered: 02/08/2021)
02/08/2021	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, and U.S. Attorney (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh,) (Entered: 02/08/2021)

02/09/2021	<u>6</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE.(Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 02/09/2021)
02/09/2021	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Stuart J. Roth on behalf of AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (Roth, Stuart) (Entered: 02/09/2021)
02/09/2021		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>1</u> Complaint; emailed to bsisney@aclj.org, cc'd 1 associated attorneys --- The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Attorney is provisional. Please renew your membership. See https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/attorney-admissions-and-renewal-information. , 2. COMPLIANCE DEADLINE is by close of business today. This case will not proceed any further until all errors are satisfied. (zsb,) (Entered: 02/09/2021)
02/10/2021	<u>8</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE.(Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 02/10/2021)
02/12/2021	<u>9</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(ztd) Modified text on 2/12/2021 (ztd). (Entered: 02/12/2021)
02/12/2021	<u>10</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (ztd) (Entered: 02/12/2021)
02/12/2021	<u>11</u>	ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 2/12/2021. (DM) (Entered: 02/12/2021)
02/17/2021	<u>12</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 2/16/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 3/18/2021. (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 02/17/2021)
02/25/2021	<u>13</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 02/25/2021. (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 02/25/2021)
03/04/2021	<u>14</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 2/25/2021 (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 03/04/2021)
03/15/2021	<u>15</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY served on 3/8/2021 (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 03/15/2021)
03/15/2021	<u>16</u>	Summons Returned Unexecuted by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE as to UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 03/15/2021)
03/16/2021	<u>17</u>	Summons Returned Unexecuted by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE as to UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 03/16/2021)
03/18/2021	<u>18</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.(von Bokern, Jordan) (Entered: 03/18/2021)
03/19/2021	<u>19</u>	ORDER for meet and confer and joint status report. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 3/19/21. (lcckk3) (Entered: 03/19/2021)
03/19/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Meet & Confer Statement due by 5/7/2021. (dot) (Entered: 03/19/2021)
05/07/2021	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (von Bokern, Jordan)

		(Entered: 05/07/2021)
05/10/2021		MINUTE ORDER. The Court is in receipt of the parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, in which the parties indicate that discussions are ongoing regarding the scope of Plaintiff's FOIA requests and Defendants' responses thereto. As proposed by the parties, the Court ORDERS that the parties file a joint status report by JUNE 7, 2021 updating the Court regarding Defendants' response to Plaintiff's FOIA Requests and addressing the topics indicated in the Court's <u>19</u> Order. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 5/10/21. (lcckk3) (Entered: 05/10/2021)
05/10/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/7/2021, updating the Court regarding Defendants' response to Plaintiff's FOIA Requests and addressing the topics indicated in the Court's <u>19</u> Order. (dot) (Entered: 05/10/2021)
06/07/2021	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (von Bokern, Jordan) (Entered: 06/07/2021)
06/08/2021		MINUTE ORDER. The Court is in receipt of the parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, in which the parties indicate that discussions are ongoing regarding the scope of Plaintiff's FOIA requests and Defendants' responses thereto. As proposed by the parties, the Court ORDERS that the parties file a joint status report by JULY 7, 2021 updating the Court regarding Defendants' response to Plaintiff's FOIA Requests and addressing the topics indicated in the Court's <u>19</u> Order. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 6/8/21. (lcckk3) (Entered: 06/08/2021)
06/08/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/7/2021 updating the Court regarding Defendants' response to Plaintiff's FOIA Requests and addressing the topics indicated in the Court's <u>19</u> Order. (dot) (Entered: 06/09/2021)
07/07/2021	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (von Bokern, Jordan) (Entered: 07/07/2021)
07/07/2021		MINUTE ORDER. The Court is in receipt of the parties' <u>22</u> Joint Status Report, in which the parties indicate that discussions are ongoing regarding the scope of Plaintiff's FOIA requests and Defendants' responses thereto. As proposed by the parties, the Court ORDERS that the parties file a joint status report by AUGUST 6, 2021 updating the Court regarding Defendants' response to Plaintiff's FOIA Requests and addressing the topics indicated in the Court's <u>19</u> Order. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 07/07/2021. (DM) (Entered: 07/07/2021)
08/06/2021	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (von Bokern, Jordan) (Entered: 08/06/2021)
08/09/2021		MINUTE ORDER. The Court is in receipt of the parties' <u>23</u> Joint Status Report, in which the parties indicate that discussions are ongoing regarding the scope of Plaintiff's FOIA requests and Defendants' search for responsive records. The parties propose filing a further joint status report on or before September 13, 2021 updating the Court on the status of their discussions and addressing the topics identified in the Court's <u>19</u> Order. The Court ORDERS the parties to file another Joint Status Report by SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, and every 30 days thereafter updating the Court on the status of Defendants' response to Plaintiff's requests. If the parties require more immediate attention, they may file a status report between deadlines. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 8/9/21. (lcckk3) (Entered: 08/09/2021)
08/09/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/13/2021, updating the Court on the status of their discussions and addressing the topics identified in the Court's <u>19</u> Order. (dot) (Entered: 08/09/2021)
09/09/2021	<u>24</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by John Monaghan on behalf of AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (Monaghan, John) (Entered: 09/09/2021)

09/13/2021	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (von Bokern, Jordan) (Entered: 09/13/2021)
10/13/2021	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Von Bokern, Jordan) (Entered: 10/13/2021)
11/12/2021	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Von Bokern, Jordan) (Entered: 11/12/2021)
12/13/2021	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Von Bokern, Jordan) (Entered: 12/13/2021)
01/12/2022	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Von Bokern, Jordan) (Entered: 01/12/2022)
02/11/2022	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Von Bokern, Jordan) (Entered: 02/11/2022)
03/14/2022	<u>31</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Madeline McMahon on behalf of All Defendants (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 03/14/2022)
03/14/2022	<u>32</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 03/14/2022)
04/13/2022	<u>33</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 04/13/2022)
05/05/2022	<u>34</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. Attorney Jordan Landrum Von Bokern terminated. (Von Bokern, Jordan) (Entered: 05/05/2022)
05/13/2022	<u>35</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 05/13/2022)
06/13/2022	<u>36</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 06/13/2022)
07/13/2022	<u>37</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 07/13/2022)
08/12/2022	<u>38</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 08/12/2022)

09/12/2022	<u>39</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 09/12/2022)
10/12/2022	<u>40</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 10/12/2022)
11/14/2022	<u>41</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 11/14/2022)
12/14/2022	<u>42</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 12/14/2022)
01/13/2023	<u>43</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 01/13/2023)
02/13/2023	<u>44</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 02/13/2023)
03/15/2023	<u>45</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 03/15/2023)
04/14/2023	<u>46</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Monaghan, John) (Entered: 04/14/2023)
06/13/2023	<u>47</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 06/13/2023)
08/14/2023	<u>48</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 08/14/2023)
10/13/2023	<u>49</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 10/13/2023)
10/17/2023	<u>50</u>	ORDER dismissing case. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 10/17/23. (lcckk3) (Entered: 10/17/2023)