

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-00626-RBW**

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN  
WASHINGTON v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE et al  
Assigned to: Judge Reggie B. Walton  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/09/2021  
Date Terminated: 10/25/2023  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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**Defendant**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/09/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8290138) 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 US Attorney, # <u>4</u> Summons State Dept, # <u>5</u> Summons State Dept OIG)(Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/09/2021	<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: 03/09/2021)
03/10/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton. (adh, ) (Entered: 03/10/2021)
03/10/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 03/10/2021)

		03/10/2021)
03/22/2021	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/15/2021. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/14/2021.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 3/12/2021; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL served on 3/12/2021, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 3/15/21. (Sus, Nikhel); Modified text for date of service on 3/23/2021 (zthh). (Entered: 03/22/2021)
04/01/2021	<u>5</u>	GENERAL ORDER FOR CIVIL CASES BEFORE THE HONORABLE REGGIE B. WALTON. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on April 1, 2021. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 04/01/2021)
04/14/2021	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Cormac A. Early on behalf of All Defendants (Early, Cormac) (Main Document 6 replaced on 4/16/2021) (zthh). (Entered: 04/14/2021)
04/14/2021	<u>7</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Early, Cormac) (Entered: 04/14/2021)
04/15/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the defendants' <u>7</u> Consent Motion to Extend Time, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that, on or before April 21, 2021, the defendants shall file their answer or otherwise respond to the plaintiff's Complaint. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on April 15, 2021. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 04/15/2021)
04/16/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer to the Complaint due by 4/21/2021, (hs) (Entered: 04/16/2021)
04/21/2021	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.(Early, Cormac) (Entered: 04/21/2021)
04/29/2021		MINUTE ORDER. To ensure the expeditious resolution of this action, and because this qualifies as an exempted case under Local Civil Rule 16.3(b), it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before May 27, 2021, the parties shall file a joint proposed briefing schedule governing further proceedings. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on April 29, 2021. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 04/29/2021)
04/29/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 5/27/2021 (hs) (Entered: 04/29/2021)
05/27/2021	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL. (Early, Cormac) (Entered: 05/27/2021)
06/04/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before July 2, 2021, the parties shall file an additional joint status report advising the Court on the progress of this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on June 4, 2021. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 06/04/2021)
07/02/2021	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL. (Early, Cormac) (Entered: 07/02/2021)
07/09/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before July 9, 2021, the parties shall file an additional joint status report advising the Court on the progress of this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 9, 2021. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 07/09/2021)
07/09/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL. (Early, Cormac) (Entered: 07/09/2021)

07/09/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/9/2021 (hs) (Entered: 07/09/2021)
07/15/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before September 3, 2021, the parties shall file an additional joint status report advising the Court on the progress of this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 15, 2021. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 07/15/2021)
07/15/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/3/2021 (hs) (Entered: 07/15/2021)
09/03/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL. (Early, Cormac) (Entered: 09/03/2021)
09/07/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before October 4, 2021, the parties shall file an additional joint status report advising the Court on the progress of this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on September 7, 2021. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 09/07/2021)
09/08/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/4/2021 (hs) (Entered: 09/08/2021)
10/04/2021	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL. (Early, Cormac) (Entered: 10/04/2021)
10/15/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before November 4, 2021, the parties shall file an additional joint status report advising the Court on the progress of this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on October 15, 2021. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 10/15/2021)
10/24/2023	<u>14</u>	ORDER. In accordance with the attached Order, it is hereby on November 17, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., the parties shall appear before the Court for a status conference, via teleconference, by calling 1-877-873-8017 and entering the Court's access code (8583213) followed by the pound key (#). Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on October 24, 2023. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 10/24/2023)
10/25/2023	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 10/25/2023)
10/25/2023	<u>16</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 10/25/2023)
10/25/2023		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>16</u> Stipulation of Dismissal, it is hereby ORDERED that the status conference currently scheduled for November 17, 2023, is VACATED. It is further ORDERED that this case is DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. It is further ORDERED that this case is CLOSED. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on October 25, 2023. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 10/25/2023)