CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS					DEFENDANTS							
JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.				U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE								
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(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRMNAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)				ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)								
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The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and services of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. Listed below are tips for completing the civil cover sheet. These tips coincide with the Roman Numerals on the cover sheet.

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