

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-00545-TJK**

LEOPOLD et al v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND  
SECURITY et al  
Assigned to: Judge Timothy J. Kelly  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/02/2021  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/02/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, NATIONAL PROTECTION AND PROGRAMS DIRECTORATE, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE & ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. SECRET SERVICE ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8265050) filed by BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1-8, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 9-16, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 03/02/2021)
03/02/2021	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 03/02/2021)
03/02/2021	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 03/02/2021)
03/02/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Timothy J. Kelly. (adh, ) (Entered: 03/02/2021)
03/02/2021	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (11) Issued Electronically as to FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, NATIONAL PROTECTION AND PROGRAMS DIRECTORATE, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE & ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 03/02/2021)
04/05/2021	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION served on 3/17/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/05/2021)
04/05/2021	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES served on 3/17/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/05/2021)
04/05/2021	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 3/17/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/05/2021)
04/05/2021	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY served on 3/17/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/05/2021)
04/05/2021	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE & ANALYSIS served on 3/17/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/05/2021)
04/05/2021	<u>10</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING served on 3/17/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/05/2021)
04/05/2021	<u>11</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION served on 3/17/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/05/2021)

04/05/2021	<u>12</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. SECRET SERVICE served on 3/17/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/05/2021)
04/05/2021	<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 3/22/2021. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/05/2021)
04/05/2021	<u>14</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/22/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/21/2021. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/05/2021)
04/16/2021	<u>15</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Liam Holland on behalf of All Defendants (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 04/16/2021)
04/16/2021	<u>16</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer <i>or otherwise respond to the Complaint</i> by FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, NATIONAL PROTECTION AND PROGRAMS DIRECTORATE, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE & ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit April 6, 2021 Complaint (21-cv-942), # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Holland, Liam) (Entered: 04/16/2021)
04/19/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendants' <u>16</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to the Complaint. It is hereby ORDERED, for good cause shown, that Defendants' motion is GRANTED. Defendants shall respond to Plaintiff's <u>1</u> Complaint by May 21, 2021. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 4/19/2021. (lctjk1) (Entered: 04/19/2021)
04/27/2021	<u>17</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE & ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY filed by BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Exhibit, # <u>3</u> Exhibit, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/27/2021)
04/28/2021	<u>18</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY. (zthh) (Entered: 04/28/2021)
05/21/2021	<u>19</u>	ANSWER to <u>17</u> Amended Complaint,, by CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, NATIONAL PROTECTION AND PROGRAMS DIRECTORATE, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE & ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. SECRET SERVICE.(Holland, Liam) (Entered: 05/21/2021)
05/25/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by June 8, 2021. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 5/25/2021. (lctjk1) (Entered: 05/25/2021)
06/08/2021	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE & ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 06/08/2021)
06/09/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by August 11,

		2021. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 6/9/2021. (lctjk1) (Entered: 06/09/2021)
08/11/2021	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE & ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 08/11/2021)
08/13/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by October 13, 2021, and every 60 days thereafter until the Court orders otherwise. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 8/13/2021. (lctjk1) (Entered: 08/13/2021)
10/13/2021	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE & ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 10/13/2021)
12/13/2021	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE & ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 12/13/2021)
02/11/2022	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE & ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 02/11/2022)
04/11/2022	<u>25</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua Loevy on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Loevy, Joshua) (Entered: 04/11/2022)
04/12/2022	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE & ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 04/12/2022)
06/13/2022	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE & ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 06/13/2022)
08/12/2022	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE & ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 08/12/2022)

08/17/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>28</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, if Plaintiffs seek relief from this Court, they shall file a motion to that effect by August 22, 2022. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 8/17/2022. (lctjk1) (Entered: 08/17/2022)
08/22/2022	<u>29</u>	Partial MOTION for Summary Judgment by BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>2</u> Exhibit A, # <u>3</u> Exhibit B, # <u>4</u> Declaration Shertok Declaration, # <u>5</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 08/22/2022)
09/06/2022	<u>30</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>29</u> Motion for Summary Judgment filed by CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, NATIONAL PROTECTION AND PROGRAMS DIRECTORATE, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE & ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration Declaration of Kevin L. Tyrrell, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Holland, Liam) (Entered: 09/06/2022)
09/07/2022	<u>31</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Reply Brief</i> by BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 09/07/2022)
09/08/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting Plaintiffs' <u>31</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time. It is hereby ORDERED that, for good cause shown, Plaintiffs' motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that Plaintiffs shall file any reply to Defendants' <u>30</u> opposition to Plaintiff's <u>29</u> partial Motion for Summary Judgment by September 16, 2022. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 9/8/2022. (lctjk1) (Entered: 09/08/2022)
09/16/2022	<u>32</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>29</u> Partial MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts Response to Counter SOF)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 09/16/2022)
10/11/2022	<u>33</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE & ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 10/11/2022)
12/12/2022	<u>34</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE & ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 12/12/2022)
02/10/2023	<u>35</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE & ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 02/10/2023)
02/21/2023	<u>36</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 02/21/2023)
02/22/2023		RESOLVED...NOTICE of Provisional/Government Not Certified Status re NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Wayne, Merrick),  Your attorney renewal/government certification has not been received. As a result, your membership with the U.S. District & Bankruptcy Courts for the District of

		<p>Columbia is not in good standing, and you are not permitted to file. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.9, you must immediately correct your membership status by following the appropriate instructions on this page of our website:  <a href="https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/attorney-renewal">https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/attorney-renewal</a>.</p> <p>Please be advised that the presiding judge in this case has been notified that you are currently not in good standing to file in this court. Renewal Due by 3/1/2023. (zbaj) Modified on 2/23/2023 (znmw). Modified on 3/2/2023 (zbaj). (Entered: 02/22/2023)</p>
03/06/2023		<p>MINUTE ORDER denying without prejudice Plaintiffs' <u>29</u> Partial Motion for Summary Judgment. On March 2, 2021, Plaintiffs sued several government defendants under the Freedom of Information Act seeking records related to the January 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol. On August 22, 2022, Plaintiffs moved for partial summary judgment against the U.S. Secret Service only, claiming its search was inadequate. In short, Plaintiffs seek text messages from certain Secret Service officials related to January 6, which they have not received. Defendant opposes summary judgment, arguing that Plaintiffs' motion is premature. The Court agrees, and it will deny Plaintiffs' motion without prejudice. Consistent with this Court's general practices favoring efficient adjudication of FOIA cases, "summary judgment is not appropriately considered until defendant has filed its <i>Vaughn</i> declaration and index." <i>Kooritzky v. McNary</i>, No. 92-1270, 1993 WL 79519, at *1 (D.D.C. Mar. 11, 1993); <i>see also Am. Oversight v. U.S. Dep't of Veterans Affairs</i>, 326 F.R.D. 23, 30 (D.D.C. 2018). Although the Secret Service has finished producing documents, it has not produced a <i>Vaughn</i> index, without which it is impossible for Plaintiffs to advance any other claims it may have against the Secret Service, including any challenges to its withholdings. The Court declines to adjudicate piecemeal Plaintiffs' claims against this one defendant. It further notes that several other defendants in this case have finished their productions, yet Plaintiffs have neither moved for summary judgment nor stipulated dismissal as to these agencies, further underscoring the possible inefficiency in proceeding as Plaintiffs suggest. Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that Plaintiffs' <u>29</u> Partial Motion for Summary Judgment is DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. It is further ORDERED that, by April 6, 2023, all the parties shall file a joint status report proposing a schedule for further proceedings, including the date by which the Secret Service will produce its <i>Vaughn</i> index and a briefing schedule for cross-motions for summary judgment as to any claims against the Secret Service as well as any other defendants that have completed their productions to Plaintiffs. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 3/6/2023. (lctjk1) (Entered: 03/06/2023)</p>
03/30/2023	<u>37</u>	<p>Joint MOTION for Order <i>Deferring a Proposed Briefing Schedule for Cross-Motions for Summary Judgment</i> by CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, NATIONAL PROTECTION AND PROGRAMS DIRECTORATE, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE &amp; ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Holland, Liam) (Entered: 03/30/2023)</p>
04/03/2023		<p>MINUTE ORDER granting the parties' <u>37</u> Joint Motion to Defer Proposing a Briefing Schedule. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>37</u> joint motion to defer proposing a briefing schedule for summary judgment cross-motions until all Defendants have completed productions, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties' motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the portion of the Court's March 6, 2023 Minute Order requiring the parties to propose a briefing schedule by April 6 is hereby VACATED. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall, pursuant to the Court's August 13, 2021 Minute Order, file a joint status report by April 11, 2023 and every 60 days thereafter until the Court orders otherwise. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 4/3/2023. (lctjk1) (Entered: 04/03/2023)</p>
04/11/2023	<u>38</u>	<p>Joint STATUS REPORT by CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE &amp; ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION</p>

		SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Holland, Liam) (Entered: 04/11/2023)
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