

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-00624-RC**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
DEFENSE et al  
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/09/2021  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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**Defendant**

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**Defendant**

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**Defendant**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/09/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8289210) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Summons, # <u>6</u> Summons, # <u>7</u> Summons, # <u>8</u> Summons)(McGrath,

		Daniel) (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/09/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/09/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Randolph D. Moss. (adh, ) (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/10/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (7) Issued Electronically as to NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 03/10/2021)
03/11/2021	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall comply with the directives set forth in the attached standing order. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 3/11/2021. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 03/11/2021)
03/21/2021	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Kuntal Virendra Cholera on behalf of All Defendants (Cholera, Kuntal) (Main Document 5 replaced fillable on 3/22/2021) (ztd). (Entered: 03/21/2021)
04/14/2021	<u>6</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.), 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., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU served on 4/7/2021; U.S. ARMY served on 3/22/2021; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE served on 3/22/2021; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 3/22/2021; U.S. SECRET SERVICE served on 3/17/2021 (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 04/14/2021)
04/14/2021	<u>7</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Bradley Thomas Craigmyle on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Kuntal Cholera (Craigmyle, Bradley) (Entered: 04/14/2021)
04/14/2021	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE.(Craigmyle, Bradley) (Entered: 04/14/2021)
04/14/2021	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Filing of Motion to Consolidate Cases by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Motion to Consolidate Cases filed in Leopold v. DOJ, No. 1:21-cv-558 (APM) (D.D.C.))(Craigmyle, Bradley) (Entered: 04/14/2021)
04/18/2021		MINUTE ORDER: In light of Defendants' answer, Dkt. <u>8</u> , and notice of filing of motion to consolidate, Dkt. <u>9</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before May 18, 2021, if the motion to consolidate has not been granted before that date. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 4/18/2021. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 04/18/2021)
04/27/2021	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Emma Lewis on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Lewis, Emma) (Entered: 04/27/2021)
04/29/2021	<u>11</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. Attorney Daniel Alexander McGrath terminated. (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 04/29/2021)
05/18/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Craigmyle, Bradley) (Entered: 05/18/2021)
05/19/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>12</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before July 16, 2021. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 5/19/2021. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 05/19/2021)

07/16/2021	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Craigmyle, Bradley) (Entered: 07/16/2021)
07/16/2021	<u>14</u>	Case randomly reassigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. Judge Randolph D. Moss is no longer assigned to the case. (rj) (Entered: 07/19/2021)
07/19/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>13</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before September 21, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/19/2021. (lcrc3) (Entered: 07/19/2021)
09/21/2021	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Craigmyle, Bradley) (Entered: 09/21/2021)
09/21/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>15</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before November 23, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 9/21/2021. (lcrc3) (Entered: 09/21/2021)
11/23/2021	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Craigmyle, Bradley) (Entered: 11/23/2021)
11/23/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>16</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before January 28, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/23/2021. (lcrc3) (Entered: 11/23/2021)
01/28/2022	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Craigmyle, Bradley) (Entered: 01/28/2022)
01/30/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>17</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before March 29, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1/30/2022. (lcrc3) (Entered: 01/30/2022)
03/29/2022	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 03/29/2022)
03/29/2022	<u>19</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Clifford Lee Reeves, II on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Bradley Thomas Craigmyle (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 03/29/2022)
03/29/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>18</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before June 1, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/29/2022. (lcrc3) (Entered: 03/29/2022)
06/01/2022	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 06/01/2022)
06/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>20</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before August 1, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6-1-2022. (lcrc3) (Entered: 06/01/2022)
08/01/2022	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 08/01/2022)
09/02/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>21</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report before or on October 3, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 9-2-2022. (lcrc3) (Entered: 09/02/2022)

10/03/2022	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 10/03/2022)
10/03/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>22</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report before or on December 5, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 10-3-2022. (lcrc3) (Entered: 10/03/2022)
12/05/2022	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 12/05/2022)
12/05/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>23</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before February 5, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 12-5-2022. (lcrc3) (Entered: 12/05/2022)
02/05/2023	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 02/05/2023)
02/21/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>24</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before April 7, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 2-21-2023. (lcrc3) (Entered: 02/21/2023)
04/07/2023	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 04/07/2023)
04/07/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>25</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before June 7, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4-7-2023. (lcrc3) (Entered: 04/07/2023)
04/21/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/7/2023 (tj) (Entered: 04/21/2023)
06/07/2023	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 06/07/2023)
06/07/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>26</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before August 10, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6-7-2023. (lcrc3) (Entered: 06/07/2023)
06/28/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 8/10/2023 (tj) (Entered: 06/28/2023)
08/10/2023	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 08/10/2023)
08/11/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>27</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before October 12, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 8-11-2023. (lcrc3) (Entered: 08/11/2023)
08/24/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 10/12/2023 (tj) (Entered: 08/24/2023)
10/12/2023	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Lewis, Emma) (Entered: 10/12/2023)
10/12/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>28</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before December 14, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 10-12-2023. (Entered: 10/12/2023)

12/14/2023	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 12/14/2023)
12/14/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>29</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before February 14, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 12-14-2023. (lcrc3) (Entered: 12/14/2023)
02/14/2024	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 02/14/2024)
02/14/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>30</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before April 16, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 2-14-2023. (lcrc3) (Entered: 02/14/2024)
04/16/2024	<u>31</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 04/16/2024)
04/16/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>31</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before June 18, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4-16-2024. (lcrc3) (Entered: 04/16/2024)
06/18/2024	<u>32</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 06/18/2024)
06/20/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>32</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before August 15, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/20/2024. (lcrc3) (Entered: 06/20/2024)
08/15/2024	<u>33</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Lewis, Emma) (Entered: 08/15/2024)
08/15/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>33</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before October 16, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 8/15/2024. (lcrc3) (Entered: 08/15/2024)
08/16/2024		NOTICE OF ERROR regarding <u>33</u> Status Report. Please note the following error(s) for future filings: Invalid attorney signature– signature on document must match PACER login. (znmw) (Entered: 08/16/2024)